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History in the making



Paul Hunt with Middleton Primary School's Elliot Marray, Nia Daniels and Josh Jones

WHY not pick up a copy of your favourite city newspaper - in 25 years' time?

Two editions of MK NEWS were among other items buried by Middleton Primary School pupils yesterday in a time capsule at John Lewis in CMK.

They buried the capsule to commemo-

rate the significance of 2012's events, including the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics.

Managing director of John Lewis MK Paul Hunt said: "The summer of 2012 will go down in history. It's a year that will be remembered by the residents for years to come."

Storm brews over plan for wind masts

Legal threat over council proposal that could hit taxpayers in the pocket

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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A THREAT of 'considerable burden to the public purse' has been made by a wind farm company to Milton Keynes Council.

At a meeting tonight, the council's decision-making cabinet is due to decide whether to change its policy on how far wind turbines must be from houses.

But German firm RWE Npower Renewables, which currently has an application for a farm in with the council, has warned the change could leave the authority

open to legal challenges resulting in significant cost to the taxpayer.

Currently, if a developer wants to put up a turbine, planning policy in Milton Keynes states it must be no less than 350 metres from the nearest house.

But the council has been consulting on whether to increase this to one kilometre away for the largest masts.

Some are concerned this could inhibit wind farm developments around the city, and now RWE, through law firm Eversheds, has written a letter to the council to try to affect the decision.

In it, it writes: "Adopting a document that is contrary to national policy raises a real risk of costly legal proceedings, in which full recovery of legal costs would be sought."

"We strongly suggest that the council reconsiders its position before it risks a considerable burden to the public purse."

The company said the letter is a 'last resort', sent to the council in response to a move which goes

against national policy.

A spokesman said: "There is no hard evidence to justify such restrictions on renewable developments. The National Planning Policy Framework urges local planning authorities to maximise the generation of renewable energy while ensuring an appropriate level of protection for residential occupiers."

The letter has angered MP for Milton Keynes North, Mark Lancaster, who has previously spoken in Parliament about protecting local residents against unwanted developments.

He said: "I don't think the council or local residents should be deterred from following this course of action just because of the threat of legal action from a large multi-national company."

Richard Pryor lives in Haversham, currently the subject of an application from RWE for five 127-metre tall turbines, which could be affected by the change.

He said: "For me this is a large German multi-national bullying a council for profitability reasons."

Milton Keynes Council declined to comment until after tonight's meeting.

Visit www.mk-news.co.uk tomorrow to find out the decision.

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Historic boat passes through the city



THE city welcomed a very special visitor on Monday when a historic narrowboat moored at Campbell Park. Ilkeston stopped off in Milton Keynes as part of her epic journey across England's canal network to mark her 100th birthday.

Major plans for the bowl and stadium

DONS chairman Pete Winkelman has announced his intentions for the National Bowl and things are right on schedule at the stadium. DAN PALMER reports...



ACCORDING to Pete Winkelman, the National Bowl is one of the most important sites in Milton Keynes, and he has big ambitions for it.

The Dons supremo, pictured, wants to turn the famous site into the club's new training ground.

Nothing can be done until December at the earliest, as the Bowl, owned by the Homes and

Communities Agency (HCA), is currently part of an ongoing scheme to transfer Government owned land to Milton Keynes Council.

However, once this deal has been done Mr Winkelman certainly has set his sights on doing something with the landmark.

A new training ground with improved facilities is a must for

Dons after new rules regarding youth academies were introduced.

The current set-up at Woughton on the Green is not up to the required standard and as a result the club's academy faces being 'downgraded' under the new regulations - which brings in a number of restrictions.

Mr Winkelman, who originally planned to build a stadium at the Bowl, said: "The Bowl is a major cultural asset to the city and it's a site which has suffered from a lack of investment over the years.

"It's hugely complicated as there are a lot of stakeholders and I don't want to pretend that it's a done deal, but we're working on it.

"There's a long way to go but it's better than a field on the edge of Milton Keynes.

"But if I can't make it work, a field on the outskirts of MK it might have to be."

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New cinema Easter finish date for arena

A CINEMA will be built as part of the plans to turn the stadium site into a 'leisure destination'.

Planning permission has already been obtained with bars and restaurants also touted.

Pete Winkelman missed out on the chance to build a casino at the site after councillors opted for Xscape instead.

But he believes there is room for another cinema in the city, especially as redevelopment plans for The Point threaten the Odeon currently at that site.

The under construction MK1 shopping complex, featuring Primark, Marks & Spencer, Arcadia, River Island and H&M, should be open by Christmas.

THE arena at stadiummk should be open by next Easter and has been described by Pete Winkelman as the 'missing building' in Milton Keynes.

It has already been finished structurally but at the moment is simply an empty box. However, over the next few weeks and months work will be completed.

Once finished the arena will be a multi-purpose, large open space with balconies, that can be thought of as a much larger version of the ballroom which is already at the stadium.

The space will be able to be dressed depending on what event is being held, with seats brought in if and when they

are required.

It is hoped that about 50 concerts a year will be held, as well as exhibitions, sit down dinners and indoor sporting events such as badminton, handball and football.

Important basketball games for MK Lions could be held, but the arena will not be the permanent solution the city's currently homeless team are looking for.

"It's been there all these years but it's been an empty box," Mr Winkelman said.

"It's finished structurally and now the floors and staircases can go in.

"This is a great space, a vital space which MK doesn't have."

Sex attacker has women 'petrified'

BY ANNA MAUREMOTOO

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WOMEN are feeling unsafe in their own homes after a woman was sexually assaulted in her property.

As the victim slept, a man broke into her house through an insecure door at the back of her home between 7 and 8am on Sunday.

Once inside the man physically and sexually assaulted the woman, who is in her 50s.

When the man left she called the police and was treated in hospital for her injuries.

Resident Trisha Boxman said: "Your home is supposed to be where you feel most safe but after this news I'm absolutely petrified. I live alone and I think I'll probably have to stay with my boyfriend for a while until I feel more at ease.

"It's always scary when you hear about sexual assault but you're on guard when you're out and about, you don't expect someone will break into your home and attack you."

A 21-year-old man was arrested on Sunday afternoon and taken into police custody, where he remained at the time of going to press.

And on Monday the police commander for Milton Keynes spoke out to calm residents' fears.

Supt Barry Halliday, LPA Commander of the Milton Keynes policing area, said: "I would like

to reassure people that incidents of this nature are very rare and that we are doing all we can to ensure that the person responsible for this despicable crime is brought to justice.

"Extra reassurance patrols are being carried out in the local area and I would urge anyone with any concerns to speak to one of these officers. In addition our partners are ensuring all our communities are kept updated.

"Although there has been an arrest, we are still actively pursuing a number of lines of inquiry, and I would like to renew our appeal to anyone with information to come forward and assist with our investigation."

Resident Sandra Houseman said: "Extra patrols are all well and good when something like this has just happened but how long are they going to last?"

"I'm not just worried about my own safety, my daughter has just moved into her own flat so I'm worried about her too."

However, investigating officer, Detective Inspector Nick Glister, has stressed the assault appears to be an 'opportunistic' incident.

Anyone with information can call police on 101 and quote URN 489, 01/07/12.



Supt Barry Halliday

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Man dies in car crash

A 30-YEAR-OLD man died in a crash in Coddmoor Lane, Whaddon, on Saturday. At 9.25am a blue Ford was travelling towards the A421 and subsequently ended up on its roof. The man from Whaddon, who was the only person in the car, was pronounced dead at the scene. Anyone with information should call 101.

Blaze at block of flats

TWO people have been arrested on suspicion of arson following a fire at a block of flats in Wolverton yesterday morning. A man was hospitalised and another 12 were treated at the scene of the fire at The Gables in St Georges Way. There were nearly 50 firefighters and officers at the scene.

Touch of Pink Appeal

THE Touch of Pink Appeal has reached its half-way target. Cheque presentations from the Lions Club of Bletchley, Bosom Pals and retired x-ray porter Bernard Wogan, during the Breast Unit's open afternoon on Friday took the total up to £43,000.

Fight hospitalises man

A FIGHT between two men in Kernow Crescent, Fishermead, last Wednesday left a 40-year-old man needing hospital treatment. The incident happened at 11.23pm. Anyone with information can call 101.

'Hope' name of convicted hero Alan Turing can still be cleared

THERE is 'hope' computer pioneer and war hero Alan Turing could still have his name cleared after a debate in Parliament.

That's according to city MP Iain Stewart, who spoke out in favour of a pardon last Wednesday.

Turing, who worked at Bletchley Park during the Second World War to break German codes, was convicted of indecency in 1952 after having sex with another man and was subject to 'chemical castration' as a punishment.

But with that law now consigned to the history books, MPs are looking at ways Turing's conviction can go the same way.

At the debate on Wednesday, junior minister for prisons Crispin Blunt, whose own mother worked at Bletchley Park, said a lot is being done behind the scenes to try to find a way to clear Turing's name.

After the debate Mr Stewart said: "I'm hopeful. I got the general sense that they are trying to find a way to do this. It's a debate that will continue."

A private member's bill on the issue is due to be put before the House of Lords by peer Lord John Starkey, although the detail of that is not yet clear.

Mr Stewart says he hopes the Government will give it sufficient time to be discussed.

Skatepark rows continue

A CALL to review Milton Keynes Council's play area policy is due to be made as the battle to save Broughton skatepark continues.

Alice Bramall, councillor for Walton Park, is expected to bring the issue up at an extraordinary meeting of the council tonight.

Her ward has also experienced skatepark problems with petitions to both save and demolish Heronsgate skatepark in Walnut Tree being published.

She said: "There have been continual problems around the city with the playground policy and I

think Milton Keynes Council could look at policies adopted by other councils."

This comes as The Parks Trust was given 28 days to comply with a Statutory Noise Abatement Notice in order to save the Broughton Gate site.

David Hill, the council's chief executive, said: "If conditions are adopted and the park remains open, we will continue to monitor noise levels."

Current policy dictates ramps are built at least 40 metres away from residential properties.

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It's what's inside The Point that matters

SIR - I will do my best to avoid putting any Point-based puns in this letter, however hard it is.

There has been much debate among many people in our community about the future of The Point in recent weeks - I wanted to put forward a different perspective.

As a younger member of our city I have no emotional attachment to the building. I also don't particularly have an opinion on how attractive the building is or how it fits with its surroundings. To me the most important thing is The Point's uses.

At the moment The Point currently houses the Spot Youth Café and the 'youth work' team at the council. These do amazing work with hundreds of young people from across our city, last year more than 1,400 people used the great facilities.

In an era of large council cuts, especially to youth services, we need to protect the great work being done. It isn't just an old oddly shaped building, it is a place for bands to practise, it is a place to meet your friends and it is a place where there are always people who can help.

So we can argue about whether The Point is a blot on the landscape or part of our history, but that gets us nowhere. The point is, and I'm breaking my rule here, it's what's inside that counts.

Christopher Curtis
Milton Keynes Youth Cabinet

Pulling building down is removing history

SIR - I wanted to put my point across to the owners of The Point.

This building is one of the things that MK is known for, other than the roundabouts and the concrete

cows etc, and I strongly believe that this building should not be pulled down, otherwise you would basically be pulling down history.

How would the same people feel if they were to pull down things like Stonehenge and Windsor Castle?

You would be removing a part of our or the history of the country - do you feel pulling down a building that has been allowed to run down and putting something else there will make people want to go?

Personally I think people will actually decide not to shop or open up shop somewhere they know is replacing a bit of history.

In my opinion I feel that to generate more interest in the building, it should be renovated top to bottom - repainted, new lights and any structural damage repaired.

If you want people to respect your building and use it take a leaf out of The Savoy hotel in London.

They didn't pull the building down instead they brought it up to today's standards, they spent £220million refurbishing the whole building.

The Point is a lot cheaper compared to The Savoy, I am sure.

So have a think about it before you decide to pull it down and turn Milton Keynes into nothing more than a plain shopping mall town.

Mark Richardson
Sent by e-mail

Please let there be lights and more paths

SIR - Just a quick note in response to 'Council stands by streetlight strategy' (MK NEWS, June 27). I am a recent arriver to Milton Keynes from Ireland and have found the place to be very welcoming and pleasant indeed.

However, while I really appreciate the redways as scenic and safe places during daylight hours, I would never use them after dark.

I am no 'scaredy cat', however John Bint must realise that women, children and I'm sure some men do not find the idea of walking in deserted parks and poorly lit underpasses as an option on their own once it is dark.

No amount of reassurance about police surveillance or safety spiel will change my mind on that.

My biggest concern at the moment is that once the evenings start to draw in, I will have to bring my car over as I won't be comfortably able to walk the short distance from the Open University to Tinkers Bridge.

It is no wonder that there is such a car culture in Milton Keynes - I am all for saving energy but savings could be made in fewer car journeys rather than turning off lights.

While you're at it, more paths besides roads in addition to the redways would be most welcome for similar safety reasons.

Thanks for having me in Milton Keynes.

Cathy Seece
Tinkers Bridge

Youngsters are having great fun at skatepark

SIR - Regarding the online story 'Broughton Gate skatepark could be saved'.

Surely this is a much better idea. Removing such a popular facility can only be detrimental and cause problems.

The kids obviously use the skatepark and enjoy themselves - what is wrong with that?

Too often, people complain about youngsters.

The ones that use the skatepark are not hanging around on street corners intimidating anyone - they're getting exercise, fresh air and just having fun. Do we really want all young people to be cooped up indoors on their laptops or PCs for hours at a time and

not interacting socially?

Maybe those who are complaining have forgotten what it was like to be a child and have fun.

Helen Edwards
Sent by e-mail

Can you help reveal the history of Abbey?

SIR - I am one of the volunteer guides at Bradwell Abbey, which is a heritage site, and also a former trustee.

We are updating the history of this site with a view to publishing a book.

I am looking to interview people who lived or visited this site when it was a working farm. We do know a Mr GC Field was the last farmer and I would be grateful if any members of this family would contact us to help us fill in the gaps.

In the early 1900s the Wolverton Industrial and Provident Society (the Co-op) owned the site and if there are any persons who were involved at that time would they also please make contact?

Please make contact with me via Milton Keynes Discovery Centre, Alston Drive, Bradwell Abbey, MK13 9AP, or phone 01908 227229.

Liz Pym
Bradwell Abbey volunteer guide

'Generic' uniform would be cheaper

SIR - Regarding 'Free-and-easy' school takes uniform decision (MK NEWS, June 27).

I think parents should oppose this logoed school uniform approach and insist on a generic but smart approach.

It seems that schools treat this as a profit centre, while generic school uniform clothing is available cheaply and widely, for example at supermarkets.

Neil Williams
Sent by e-mail

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS



GEOFF Cooksey, the visionary and former headteacher of Stantonbury Campus, will be turning in his grave at the thought of students having to wear a uniform ('Free-and-easy' school takes uniform decision, MK NEWS, June 27).

One of the founding principles of the school was to break down barriers between students and teachers by allowing children to call teachers by their first name, dress casually and be taught in mixed ability classes.

The idea behind this was to encourage students to be free-thinkers and foster a mutual student/teacher respect.

As a former pupil at the school, I can say from experience that it works, to a point, but what surprises me is that it never caught on. To my knowledge, some 36 years later, there are no other schools that have adopted the same approach to mainstream education. And I wonder why?

I can appreciate the argument for

wearing a school uniform; it makes it harder to distinguish between rich and poor kids and it can instil a sense of pride in the school and prepare students for the workplace. But then I learnt that without the need for a school uniform each day.

The softly, softly approach to education works for some; particularly those who are well motivated and keen to learn. But it didn't work for the disruptive who tended to slow the learning of the whole class down,

rather than the disruptive be keen to keep up with the brighter ones.

I have only fond memories of Stantonbury Campus and for me first names and no uniform worked a treat.

But times have changed, not necessarily for the better, but I don't think dressing kids in school blazers and ties is the best solution, but there may be a strong argument for some regulation.

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All signs point to confused council

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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SEVEN 'Welcome to the County of Milton Keynes' road signs were removed by the council's chief executive - on a day when the councillor who made the decision to put them up was away.

Milton Keynes Council's (MKC) cabinet member for transport, John Bint, also revealed that as the signs were being put away, others with the same message from around ten years ago were discovered in storage.

Cllr Bint originally requested the highways department to make the signs for around MK's borders.

But then, just five days after they

were put up, MKC boss David Hill ordered they be taken down so the authority could take time 'to consider how best and most appropriately to welcome visitors to Milton Keynes'.

He did so as it was felt the signs 'did not fully reflect the fact that Milton Keynes is a unitary authority' and so has more functions and powers than a county council.

As revealed by MK NEWS in June, the seven road signs were

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made at a cost of hundreds of pounds.

Councillor Bint said: "The highways department made the signs because I asked it if we could and it said yes because it is the case that Milton Keynes is a county. Some people had to look it up and confirm it."

"And then on a day when I was away the decision was taken by the chief executive that this was a wider issue than just highways, because it is about choosing what it is about Milton Keynes we tell the visiting public and it needs a wider debate."

Cllr Bint is now part of the group within MKC deciding how best to promote the city to visitors.



Objectors: Members of the group hoping to save the Dolphin Splashdown

Group hopes to save the Dolphin

THE group formed to protest the demolition and development of a former leisure pool held its first meeting on Saturday.

Made up of members of the community, the group is hop-

ing to save the former Dolphin Splashdown, in Engaine Drive, Shenley Church End, which could be making way for a Sainsbury's.

It has started a petition and will be objecting at the plan-

ning meeting on July 12.

If members fail to save it, they are hoping for a stay of execution to try to prove there is a demand for a leisure pool in Milton Keynes and that it can be run not-for-profit.

Boy grabbed by throat

A TEEN was grabbed by his throat and his brother pushed to the ground in a robbery where his phone was stolen.

The attack on the boy, 14, happened in an underpass in Breckland, Linford Wood, last Wednesday.

The two offenders are white males, one about 17 to 18 and the other around 16. The older is 5ft

11ins, slim, with short brown hair and a slanted slit shaved into his right eyebrow. He was wearing a grey hooded top, white T-shirt, grey tracksuit bottoms, purple trainers and a gold chain. The younger is 5ft 6ins, slim and was wearing a black body warmer, grey and white T-shirt, grey tracksuit bottoms and black trainers. Call police on 101.

Car park fire evacuates theatre

THE theatre had to be evacuated on Saturday when a fire broke out in its car park.

Ten vehicles were damaged in the fire in the multi-storey car park at about 1.18pm.

Firefighters from Broughton and Great Holm were called after a car caught fire on level five.

It quickly spread to other near-

by cars and a van.

Smoke from the fire set off the automatic fire alarms at Milton Keynes Theatre, which was evacuated for about 30 minutes.

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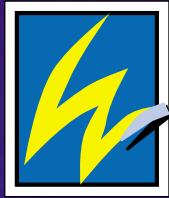
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Abdullah Patima, above, who has had his jail sentence cut, and the scene where one of the victims was driven to in Woolstone, left

Gang leader's jail term is slashed

THE ringleader of a gang which horrifically tortured two terrified victims could be back on the streets in three years after he won an appeal to have his jail term slashed.

In January, 21-year-old Abdullah Patima was caged indefinitely for the public's protection after the horrendous attack, which saw two men doused with petrol, tied up and

continually beaten with weapons.

However, his sentence has now been reduced to six years in jail, which means he could be out in just three.

He has refused to name the rest of the gang.

Both victims were attacked at a flat in Conniburrow on October 3 and one man was later driven to a woodland in

Woolstone where he was dumped.

Patima had admitted kidnap, false imprisonment, two assaults causing actual bodily harm and theft but his lawyers at London's Criminal Appeal Court successfully argued that he should not have been considered dangerous enough to warrant an indefinite jail term, due to a lack of evidence.

Group still up for fight on uniform

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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CAMPAIGNERS protesting the introduction of a school uniform have vowed to fight on.

That's in the face of governors at Stantonbury Campus giving the go-ahead for uniforms for children in years seven to nine.

Stantonbury Against Uniform (SAU) says it has already had an impact, convincing governors to push back the introduction to 2013, and handing in a 1,000-name student petition.

In a statement, SAU said the school has never had a uniform and does not accept one would

be beneficial now.

Principal Chris Williams said the decision was based on two thirds of parents and staff supporting a dress code, and most of those also supporting a uniform. He added the delay until 2013 is to 'give the school longer to work with students to get it right'.

SAU also claims the real reason for some parents choosing not to send their children to

Stantonbury Campus is 'the school's falling GCSE results', not because of a lack of uniform.

That's despite the percentage of students attaining five or more A* to C grades, including English and maths, falling just one year in the last four.

Mr Williams said: "A-level results are and always have been strong with many students going on to university. We know parents want well presented students. We also know learning the importance of personal presentation is part of education for life. It is our responsibility to work in partnership with parents and respond positively to them."

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Key meeting for homeless Lions

THE city's homeless basketball club have a crunch meeting this Friday as they desperately try to secure a new base in the city.

MK Lions were forced to leave their Winterhill arena after their landlords kicked them out to make way for more shops.

Owner Vince Macaulay has offers on the table to move the club elsewhere, with Crystal

Palace rumoured as a possible new location.

However, leaving the city is seen as the last resort.

Friday's meeting is regarding new premises which would keep the British Basketball League team in Milton Keynes.

Mr Macaulay said: "We'll leave no stone unturned and do everything we can."

Residents angered by leak

RESIDENTS are annoyed by slow repairs carried out by a water company.

On Thursday a leak in Newton Road, Bletchley, was reported to Anglian Water but water was left to spill over the road. The problem was due to be fixed yesterday. Bletchley resident, Ann

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All revved up to save green area



Up for a fight: Linda Inoki and members of Xplain at the site in question

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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PLANS that could 'destroy' a city green space in favour of car parking spaces will be fought by a pressure group.

The owner of two office blocks, Norfolk House and Ashton House, in Saxon Gate in CMK, has submitted an application to remove landscaping there to make way for 37 car parking spaces.

Bidwells, acting on behalf of applicant Apia Regional Office Fund, said dedicated parking would help increase take-up of its 48 per cent vacant office space, as companies are tending to take offices 'out of town' with car parking allocation.

But pressure group Xplain, and one of the companies that would benefit from the spaces, have hit out at the plans.

Linda Inoki, leader of the group, said: "This is not necessary and it would be very destructive."

"This is a classic CMK landscape with 30-year-

old oak trees and tulip trees. It's exactly what makes Milton Keynes different from anywhere else. "Why should we lose all that for a few measly parking spaces that we probably don't need?"

Heald Solicitors, based in Ashton House, has also objected to the plans.

The company said: "Norfolk House and Ashton House are two of the older office buildings in Milton Keynes."

"The associated landscaping in their vicinity has developed for some 30 odd years and the mature trees and shrubs in the area are a substantial visual and environmental enhancement."

But Bidwells has said the scheme will 'balance the landscape qualities of the site with commercial aspirations of local businesses'.

It said all but two trees on the site will be protected, while it will ensure the parking area is blended into its setting. It added the proposals would lead to a net increase in trees and planting.

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Development: The works at Station Square is finished after a year-long project

Facelift for square is finished at last

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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AFTER many years of waiting, Milton Keynes finally has a new gateway to the city.

The development of Station Square, the first impression rail commuters get of Milton Keynes, has now been completed and is fully operational.

Apart from a number of signs to direct people around the city, the facelift of the roads, bus lanes, taxi ranks, walkways and shelters

have all be completed, a year after the work started.

Brian Matthew, head of transportation services at Milton Keynes Council, said: "It's been a truly exciting project which we believe will benefit many users of the square."

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"As with any new scheme there will be a bedding in period and some tidying up but I hope most will recognise that the improvements have created a better entrance to MK than was the case a year ago."

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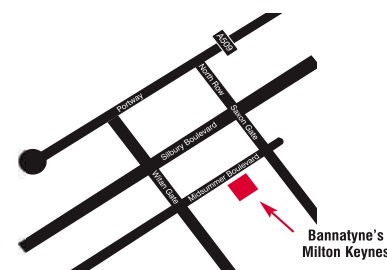


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Save memories - Protect The Point



Stars visited: Bob Monkhouse at The Point

BY ANNA MAUREMOTOO
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THE campaign to save The Point is not just about protecting an iconic building; it is also about treasuring memories according to one ex-member of staff.

Tom Jones managed the cinema when the venue opened in 1985 and worked there until 1992.

He believes it would be a travesty if plans to demolish it went ahead.

He said: "I don't live in Milton Keynes anymore but I still have properties here and when I saw in MK NEWS that it was going to be demolished I was shocked.

"It holds so many happy memories for me and I'm fully behind the campaign.

"If I had the money I'd buy it and set up a TV show in there like This Morning."

Mr Jones fondly remembers The Point in its hey-day.

He said: "I used to get loads of celebrities down there like Bob Monkhouse, Ronnie Barker, David Jason and Bob Hoskins.

"There are a lot of celebrities in the area that I think would support the campaign, some that people don't even know live in Milton Keynes."

Mr Jones explained that the venue was always a hub of activity.

He said: "When it first opened we were turning over huge profits and it was always buzzing.

"We never had any problems with drugs or violence, sometimes there were little scraps but the security team would sort it out and all the staff got on really well, we had something for everyone."

But according to Mr Jones when the premier venue took a turn for the worse staff's pleas to restore The Point to its former glory were ignored.

He said: "We went to Hammerson to tell them something needed to be done but they just said that there were plans in the pipeline but nothing ever materialised."

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Plans to save chapel

BY ANNA MAUREMOTOO
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A COMMUNITY has come together to save a dilapidated chapel that dates back to the 19th century.

Manor Road Cemetery started taking burials in 1860 but now the chapel situated in the grounds has become run down.

The group, Friends of Fenny Stratford, was set up for residents to discuss regeneration in the area and after collecting feedback from questionnaires the chapel was chosen as one

of the key focuses.

Lorraine Andrews, chairman of the Fenny Stratford Chapel group, said: "The chapel is beautiful but it's at risk of falling down if we don't find a use for it soon."

"It's been cleaned out on the inside recently but the structure needs work."

"It doesn't really matter what it's used for as long as we make sure that the future of the building is sorted."

Sadly the building has been subjected to vandalism over the years but strangely incidents have decreased since the

cemetery gates have been left unlocked.

Bereavement services team leader, Angela Abbott, explained: "We had a gentleman who used to lock the gate for us but he died and since it has been left open we haven't had any reports of vandalism."

At one point a homeless man had taken up residence in the chapel but had to be moved on because he was cooking in the building.

Miss Abbott said: "I didn't mind him being there because at least it was being used but he had to be moved on."

The group is now meeting regularly to discuss economically sustainable uses for the chapel to ensure its future.

At last Thursday's meeting one of the ideas discussed was a wedding art venue.

Ms Andrews said: "Friends of Fenny Stratford have a group that organises walks and the chapel group and anyone is welcome to join either or both."

For more information about the next meeting join the Friends of Fenny Stratford facebook group or check noticeboards around the town.



Hopes to save beautiful building: Lorraine Andrews, centre, with representatives from Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council, Sally Ann Cain and Sean Pursey, outside the chapel

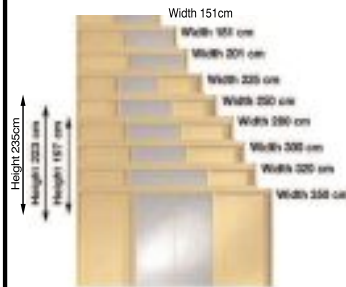
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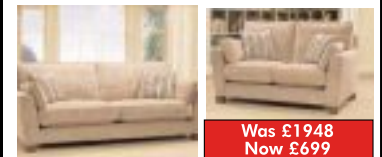
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Olympic torch set to blaze in the city

THE Olympic Torch is making its way to Milton Keynes and Bletchley on Monday. DAN PALMER meets some of those carrying the famous flame

Former pro boxer Allan Grainger is one of the torch bearers



DESERVING local residents – and some who are not so local – will have a day they will remember for the rest of their lives on Monday when they carry the Olympic Torch through the city.

Blood cancer survivor Hazel Staten will run in Bletchley after she was nominated by sister Debra, for carrying out inspirational charity work following her battle with the illness.

In 2003 she was diagnosed with

acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) and required a blood transplant from her brother after relapsing.

Since recovering, Hazel, Milton Keynes branch manager of Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research, has worked tirelessly to raise money for its work.

At seemingly every fundraising opportunity she dresses up in a banana costume to highlight the cause.

The 57-year-old, who lives in

Bradwell Village, said: "I feel so privileged and can't wait to carry the flame. I feel like there are other people more deserving than me."

Also running in Bletchley is city badminton player Sean Vendy, who won the U15 national singles crown this year without dropping a set.

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Hazel Staten who will be carrying the torch through Bletchley

think it has sunk in."

Former professional boxer Allan Grainger says that being picked to carry the torch through his new home city of Milton Keynes surpasses anything he achieved in his career.

As part of the StreetGames:MK project, the Scot gives up his own time to help get 'kids off the streets'.

He has been instrumental in the formation of the Milton Keynes Academy Amateur Boxing Club, which in the past nine months has seen more than 120 people come through the doors. He now coaches more than 40 a week.

"It was quite a shock really," he said. "I represented my country at boxing but this is the biggest

honour of my life."

Twenty-nine-year-old Luke Webb has been chosen to run through his home city as he gives up his time to lead residential adventure holidays for young people who, like him, suffer from Primary Immune Deficiency.

Not everyone is local though, as Jose Hernandez, who is carrying the torch in Bletchley, has never even been there.

However, the 49-year-old from Houston has been to space as he is a former NASA astronaut. Mr Hernandez is currently running for US congress.

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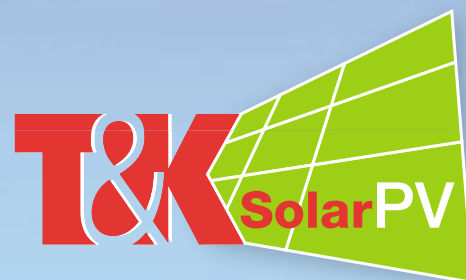


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Centre 'chuffed' with £60k boost

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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A CENTRE which offers a place for about 4,000 people to hold their meetings and events has been given a £60,000 boost.

York House Centre, in London Road, Stony Stratford, hosts everything from fetes, play groups and youth clubs to sewing groups, arts events and acting classes, and everything in between.

But the Grade II-listed building has limited space and facilities, meaning the number of people it can host is also limited.

But now, thanks to the £60,000 grant from the Waste Recycling Environmental (WREN) landfill communities fund, it can now boost its capacity.

Ken Daniels, chairman of the centre's trustees, said: "We are chuffed."

"This rather large sum now means we can get cracking on the building."

"One of the reasons we don't get as many people as we could is because of accessibility - people can't get up the stairs."

"But now we can make it more accessible for people in the community."

The money will provide a new



Huge grant: Trustees Mick Moutrie and Ken Daniels at York House Centre

ground-floor meeting and activity room and kitchen, extra storage and various improvements to the grounds and parking.

It has also recently undergone structural repairs and installed community gardens and a disabled toilet.

Building works are due to start in August and work should be finished in spring 2013.

Simon Settle, grants team manager at WREN, said: "With this project we knew we weren't just going to throw money at it and

then in five years it would be derelict."

"The group didn't just come to us to help them finish all the work."

"There is evidence they had worked really hard as they had previously secured other funding from the MK Community Foundation and other sources."

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Under threat: The RSPB is urging poachers not to kill swans in Milton Keynes for food

Poachers urged to leave birds alone

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTO
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THE RSPB is urging poachers to treat birds with respect after concerns were raised that wild swans and ducks are ending up on dinner plates.

The bizarre crime was brought to the attention of Andy Maric, councillor for Newport Pagnell South, by a resident who noticed the lack of swans and ducks at Tongwell Lake.

He said: "Unfortunately there are only a couple of swans and ducks left due to them being lured close and then having their necks wrung, only to be taken away and eaten; nothing but a murderous and ridiculous crime."

According to Cllr Maric, police have confirmed that such crimes have been mentioned to them but nothing has been formally reported.

A spokesman for the RSPB said:

"Although this may sound like a strange crime it happens all too often. We urge people not to participate in such cruel acts and ask anyone with information about any such crime to report it."

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Alonso fan: Daniel Tripp

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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A RACING-MAD youngster who underwent a life-changing operation will get to watch some of his Formula One heroes in action this weekend.

Daniel Tripp, from Brownswood, will be a personal guest of F1 boss Bernie Ecclestone in the VIP area at Silverstone for practice sessions on Friday, ahead of the British Grand Prix at the famous race-track on Sunday.

And that's after the brave eight-year-old had to have surgery at Great Ormond Street Hospital to remove a rare and aggressive tumour, called an ossifying fibroma, from his cheek.

Although benign, the operation has resulted in Daniel losing half his top jaw and teeth.

He will now also need frequent check-ups and CT scans to make sure the tumour doesn't reoccur.

And even though you can't tell to look at him, he will also need reconstructive surgery when fully

grown.

His mum Lyndsay said: "God knows how he does it, because I get so upset and worried about it, but he's always happy and that makes me feel better."

"I'm just amazed by him to be honest, he's never had any pain. He had stitches from the front to the back, he's lost half his face, but he never gets upset by it, he's always smiling."

So thanks to his bravery, he will now get to enjoy being pampered while watching the stars of the track.

But his favourites are not the average Milton Keynes resident's choice of Red Bull racers Sebastian Vettel and Mark Webber.

"He's a massive Alonso fan," Lyndsay said.

"He loves all things Spanish, so Alonso is his favourite. It's great that some good can come out of something so tough and sad."

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Vincent's back and he's ready to tango

BY DAN PALMER

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STRICTLY Come Dancing star Vincent Simone said that his main hope for watching his home country Italy in Euro 2012 was to 'be entertained'.

Sadly for the tango world champ it was Spain who turned on the style with a 4-0 win in the final, but Vincent can perhaps take comfort in the fact he knows a lot about entertaining himself.

Along with his long-time dance partner Flavia Cacace, the 33-year-old will be returning to Milton Keynes Theatre with their hit show *Midnight Tango*.

Their visit to the city is part of another run of the show after last year's tour and Vincent told MK NEWS he didn't think things would have gone so well.

"We did not expect to be so successful," he said.

"The *Strictly* professional tours went well but we didn't really fill out, and this time it was just me and Flavia.

"But we had a great time at the West End and were nominated for an Olivier award."

Vincent added that performing the hit show never got boring and that he was just as excited each and every time.

He said: "I get the same buzz and there are still nerves and butterflies, which I use as a positive."

After the current tour one of Vincent's goals is to return to *Strictly*, where he says you have to work 24/7 and win the show.

Dance schools are now packed out thanks to the popularity of the hit BBC programme, something the *Midnight Tango* star is delighted to see.

For now though, the MK stage awaits with Flavia – and they have clearly struck a winning formula together.

"Only a few have the chemistry, and only a few make it special," he said.

Midnight Tango is at Milton Keynes Theatre between July 10-14.

■ For more on the show see MK LIFE.



Dancers: Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace

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THIS weekend runners will be limbering up for the NSPCC Milton Keynes half marathon.

Among those tackling the MK NEWS backed 13.1-mile route on Sunday is Sharon Edghill, 50, of Monkston.

She said: "This will be the fifth time I've competed in the MK Half Marathon, it is fun to take part in this local event which gets such great support along the way."

"Being a mother of four children, I wholeheartedly support the work of the NSPCC and their work to protect all children across the UK from abuse."

Over the last 13 years the event has raised more than £410,000 and the charity is hoping for another record year as it aims to beat last year's £52,000 fundraising total.

The NSPCC is being supported by Team Challenge sponsors Woodfines Solicitors, which has entered a team into the race.



Dedicated fundraiser: Sharon Edghill gets ready for another half marathon

Lots of cash for Maya as ride finishes

TWENTY-FOUR cyclists made a triumphant return from a mammoth fundraising bike ride on Saturday.

The 24 cyclists covered the 550 miles between Le Mans in France and Olney in just seven days, and made it back just in time to open the town's Cherry Fair.

The group is aiming to raise £40,000 for four-year-old Maya Czerminska, who has spinal muscular atrophy and needs a host of specialist equipment.

So far it has raised just more than £31,000.

Members received a big boost when MP for Milton Keynes North, Mark Lancaster, gave the group, and more importantly the condition, a mention in Parliament last week.

If you want to donate, or find out more, visit www.b2bicycle.co.uk.

Five figure grant will make charity sporty

BY DAN PALMER

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A CITY charity is celebrating after it received a £10,000 grant to help with sport and fitness.

MacIntyre, which supports adults with learning difficulties and autism, has been given the five figure sum by Sport England.

It means that the organisation will be able to work with the Milton Keynes Council-run Woughton Leisure Centre to provide a variety of activities over the next year, ranging from football and basketball to swimming, trampolining and dance.

People with disabilities will be able to improve their fitness and sporting skills, and

some will also take part in a sports leaders award scheme – working alongside coaches to set up and organise the sessions.

Julian Hill, MacIntyre's head of service, described it as fantastic news for the organisation.

He said: "Extra funding will open the door to a range of additional activities which

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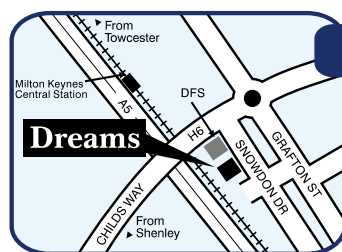
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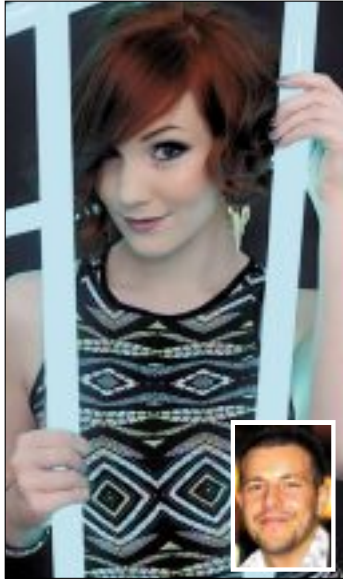
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Singer is taking steps to the top



Stepping into music: Bletchley's Sarah Hart and, inset, Lee Latchford Evans

BY CHARLIE RAY
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THE area has its very own up-and-coming music sensation in the form of Bletchley born performer Sarah Hart.

Sarah is now one of four in the girl group Concrete Rose, managed by Steps star Lee Latchford Evans.

The group was formed just six months ago but with such a high profile manager and promising tracks already recorded, there is a great deal of excitement and anticipation surrounding the foursome.

"It's great to have someone like Lee as our manager," Sarah said.

"He's a great mentor and has a wealth of experience, having been in the industry for ten years."

The girls that make up the group all had to go through a gruelling audition process, with several singing rounds, a dance call and an interview.

Once selected though, they have rapidly risen to the chal-

lenge of being young pop stars.

Sarah said: "It was all worth it. We are really living the dream, writing and performing our own songs is something not many people get to do at this level."

Sarah graduated from the London School of Musical Theatre but started her journey at Newport Pagnell-based Diamond Theatre School.

Paula Diamond, founder of the school, is extremely proud of how far Sarah has come since her time there.

She said: "Sarah was one of the lucky ones who was naturally talented but was always keen to improve and learn anything she could, always a joy to be around and a genuinely lovely and popular member of our school."

"She's a really lovely girl who definitely deserves the success which I am sure is coming her way."

The band already has gigs set up in both London and Liverpool.



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Team's paddle power to help out hospice



FROM tomorrow 21 members of staff from city-based Volkswagen Financial Services (VWFS) will take on a canoe trek over 74 miles aiming to raise more than £10,000 for Keech Hospice's 21st birthday. Setting off from Witney Toll Bridge the challenge finishes in Ross-on-Wye, three days and about 25 hours of sore-bum-shoulders-aching paddling later. Regardless of the British summer weather at least seven hours a day will be spent in the boats - including eating on the move. The team has spent the last three months training for the event and if you wish to help visit www.justgiving.com/hellonwye.

Racing channel gallops in to a new home in the city

BY DAN PALMER

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A CHANNEL dedicated to all things horse racing has set up shop in Milton Keynes.

Sky's At The Races (ATR) has moved all of its production, programming and channel output to a new, purpose-built studio in the city.

It has moved in at television broadcast company SIS Live's building in Kingston and after being placed under starter's orders, began broadcasting from its new

base last Wednesday.

Accompanying the new studio is a 'fresh look and feel' for the channel, as well as a new programme structure for all live and non-live content.

Matthew Imi, chief executive of the channel, said: "This excellent new, HD ready facility will enable ATR to do two things in particular.

"Firstly, it will improve our schedule to give viewers and punters more news on a regular, 'appointment to view' basis so they are never out of touch with what's going on in the sport.

"Second, we can continue to innovate in the way racing is presented on a day-to-day basis."

"The two million individual viewers who tune into ATR every month will see a fresh 'look and feel', a cutting edge new set and a new presentation approach, which will enhance the viewing experience.

"Ultimately, we want to communicate as effectively as possible the excitement of what's going on at our racecourse partners' tracks."

At The Races was named 'Best Specialist Channel' in the Broadcast Digital Awards at

London's Royal Lancaster Hotel.

The channel's live content is often screened in betting shops, with programmes having similarities to sister channel Sky Sports News.

Jason Barker, production director of SIS, was delighted with the new link-up.

He said: "We have worked closely with ATR to get the studios up and running.

"We're looking forward to helping produce some innovative programming and build on the success we've both had in developing the channel in recent years."

Dragon helps Blue Frog with a tweet instead of a roar

SOFT toy business Blue Frog Toys has become the latest city company to be recognised by famous entrepreneur Theo Paphitis.

Every week the Dragons' Den star runs an initiative called Small Business Sunday (#SBS) where he selects six lucky businesses that have contacted him through social networking site Twitter.

He then re-tweets them (sharing their tweet with his followers) and invites them to enter their profile on his new website.

Simon Read, owner of Blue Frog Toys, based in Bletchley, sent a tweet during Small Business Sunday on June 10 and was one of the six chosen by Theo.

Given that the Dragon has more than a quarter of a million followers, this is a great boost to both the business and charity The Children's Air Ambulance (TCAA), which was mentioned in the chosen tweet.

Mr Read said: "It is great to have support from Theo because it's been tough trying to raise our profile and he has recognised our hard work and helped spread the word about our exciting products and proud support for The Children's Air Ambulance to his following."

Blue Frog Toys is a supporter of TCAA, a charity set up to transfer critically-ill children to specialist treatment centres, swiftly and comfortably by helicopter.

Tiling chain opens 'store of the future' for shoppers in MK

NATIONAL tiling chain Topps Tiles unveiled a 'flagship' store in Milton Keynes last month.

Television presenter and celebrity interior designer Julia Kendall opened the store with manager Bob Prince at Drew Court in Bletchley on Saturday, June 16.

Described as the company's 'next generation' store, the shop will feature the new concept Inspiration Centre, where customers are offered expertise and an interactive shopping experience.

The Inspiration Centre is a dedicated seated consultation space, where staff meet customers to help create their desired interiors and give advice and an expert hand on all aspects of tiling and design.

The 'store of the future' also has an improved shopping experience for the customer with the introduction of information points for projects such as under floor heating, wetrooms and natural stone to ensure the customer makes the most out of their tiling project.

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Single mum bounces back to help kids play

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO

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A SINGLE mum has turned her life around and created a unique dress-up business for children.

After being made redundant, mum-of-two Hayley Milne, 40, from Tattenhoe, created biziplay.com - an online shop providing a range of role play equipment for three to ten-year-olds.

biziplay.com aims to educate youngsters about the world around them and expand their workplace opportunities in the future.

Miss Milne spotted the gap in the market when playing with her five-year-old daughter and asked her what she would like to be when she grew up.

He daughter wants to be a teacher but

when Miss Milne tried to find suitable clothing and accessories to play with she found there were no retailers providing what she wanted.

She said: "That really was my lightbulb moment when I saw there really was nothing out there which provided a really good range of resources for children when it came to role play - nothing which taught them about all the career opportunities which are actually available out in the real world.

"It was the same for my son who wanted to be a fireman but I had to source everything from the US.

"My kids were certainly the inspiration for the business.

Currently there are up to 20 professions available.

They range from fashion designer to soldier and hairdresser to astronaut.

The service provides all the relevant accessories and tools, making the role play experience complete and realistic.

The business is now expanding and provides textiles, room decoration, party wear and educational and bi-lingual books, in association with Harper Collins Publishing.

In addition there are tools and accessories to support children with special educational needs.

Miss Milne added: "This type of role play teaches children the art of communication, interaction, imagination, respecting others' wishes and friendship; how to listen, make decisions and handle money."

Sophie's website looks the part



AN ILLUSTRATOR has launched a new website that allows users to mix children's photography with professional design.

Design-A-Daydream, by Sophie Webber from Loughton, brings together home photography and design resulting in poster prints for your wall.

Sophie said: "With advances in digital technology, it seems more and more that photos are being captured and then stored on computers, never to be seen for years.

"Children grow up so fast and their early years are so precious it just doesn't seem right for them to be hidden away or forgotten about."

The website can be visited at www.designadaydream.com.

"It provides an online process for you to use your own family photos in a new and exciting way," Sophie added.

"Upload your favourite, quality action shots of your children and then choose from a wide range of fantasy scenes for a unique background."

Sophie has always had a passion for design, since graduating in 2007 with a degree in illustration.

Aggressive tax avoidance: what is the future of it?

FOLLOWING the revelation that Jimmy Carr was utilising offshore structures to reduce his tax rate to as low as one per cent, the issue of tax avoidance has not left the headlines.

With two cabinet members describing the arrangements as 'morally wrong' and the 'moral equivalent of benefit cheats', where does this leave the whole area of tax avoidance?

The proposed introduction of a General Anti Abuse Rule (GAAR) is still likely to create uncertainty on the application of tax legislation.

Given the recent successes that HMRC have had in litigating various tax avoidance cases, it could be argued that the courts are already applying the principles of the proposed GAAR.

Despite the proposed introduction of the GAAR, some experts argue that the authorities will face a continued game of cat and mouse with 'tax dodgers' without wholesale simplification of the tax rules.

It is felt that a dramatic simplification of the tax legislation would best counter tax avoidance and it is felt that reducing the length and complexity of the tax rules would reduce the number of loopholes to be exploited.

A radical simplification has its own challenges and could be a longer term plan, but in the meantime the question remains whether a proposed GAAR will create even more uncertainty in the tax avoidance arena.

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Rexam	393.9	402.5	2.2%
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Tesco	299.2	309.2	3.3%
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STOCKMARKETS around the world continued to gyrate during June and as this article went to press the impending EU summit was concentrating investors' minds.

The team at Charles Stanley Milton Keynes believe it is likely to mean a further bout of procrastination by European ministers unless there is an agreement on the

tightening of budgetary requirements in order to move closer to fiscal union.

Closer to home, there was a significant improvement in the prices of most of the shares in the MarKetNEWS list. A.G Barr, the soft drinks company that makes Irn Bru, announced that it will be spending £41.5million on its production facility in Milton Keynes and had negotiated an additional debt facility of £15million with its banks. It has also completed a 15 year franchise agreement with US energy drink supplier Rockstar Inc.

The most consistent share so far has been Domino's Pizza, which has increased in value by 18 per cent in total over the last two months. The company will announce its interim results on July 26 and it may be that the recent rise will lead to some profit taking given the volatility in the market. However, the company is buying back its own shares and there have been a number of upgrades to brokers' estimates

which should help to support the price.

Santander recovered almost 12 per cent as news of the bailout of Spanish banks broke and Eurozone ministers considered the possibility of banking union. Persimmon and Home Retail, two of the biggest fallers last month, also bounced back.

The latter recently announced first quarter results that highlighted an improvement in margins at Homebase, although the poor weather meant that like-for-like sales fell 8.3 per cent.



The MarKetNEWS list contains a selection of companies with a Buckinghamshire presence. Prices and commentary have been provided by Paul Nenor of Charles Stanley Stockbrokers. For professional stockbroking or investment advice, please call the MK team on 01908 691681.

MKBUSINESSBRIEFS

Speaker at business dinner

SPEAKER of the House of Commons John Bercow will be the guest speaker at a business dinner next week in CMK. Sponsored by the Open University, the Business Leaders' dinner is taking place at the Holiday Inn on Friday, July 13, and features a speech by the Buckinghamshire MP.

New deal for top agency

AWARD-WINNING agency Interdirect has been selected by first aid training and supplies provider Wallace Cameron to handle its PR. Interdirect will help co-ordinate the launch of a new training service, to be announced later this month, and will provide media support specific to Wallace Cameron's needs - from generating press coverage and building media relations to meet and greet, interviews and events.

New vehicles a cut above

CITY pizza company Domino's will be hitting the streets to deliver its famous food in a smart new fleet of delivery vehicles. The business has signed an exclusive two-year supply contract with commercial vehicle company Euroway, whose headquarters are in Leighton Buzzard. Taking to the roads first is the Pepperoni Passion Wagon design, featuring the topping used on Domino's most popular pizza.

OU money presentation

A PRESENTATION on money and emotions is the focus of a free breakfast briefing at The Open University Business School tomorrow from 8am. Mark Fenton O'Creedy, professor of organisational behaviour, will be the speaker. Email ou-business-network@open.ac.uk to attend.

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THE first official Festival Fringe for Milton Keynes kicks off on Monday for a 19-day extravaganza showcasing the best of our local and regional talent.

Produced in association with Fringemk:westbury, the festival promises to offer something for everyone.

Help build the community GREENHouse out of plastic bottles, bring your bikes and take part in a Cycle in Cinema, exchange cake recipes in Your Everlasting Cakes Beach Hut, or walk with the giants in a huge community parade, which will process right through the centre of Milton Keynes.

Or experience the AirQuarium – a very family-friendly street theatre show with a difference.

There will also be visual art exhibitions, such as Long Exposure Circus, *pictured*, by Julie Carpenter. There's also workshops, music, dancing and much, much more -

and it's all free.

The Festival Fringe has been awarded the prestigious London 2012 Inspire Mark and so is featuring commissioned artworks created by artists for the Olympic year.

For more details about the festival, visit www.mkfestivalfringe.com.

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EVERY first week of the month, MK LIFE will feature a column from a specialist at Frosts Garden Centre. This week, Maurice Rust goes Mediterranean.



MANY people go to warmer parts of Europe to enjoy their summer holidays or to the south-west of England and see lots of different exotic-looking plants growing in parks and gardens, so thoughts can turn to creating your own Mediterranean garden.

The first secret of a Mediterranean-style garden is to have well drained soil.

In Milton Keynes the soil is mainly heavy clay,

so it requires lots of grit incorporated to create the conditions for many of these shrubs and plants to grow successfully.

The other thing to consider is winter protection - after the long cold spell of weather in December of 2010 many residents lost their palms and cordylines. Many of these plants originate from the southern hemisphere, notably South America, Australia, New Zealand

and South Africa, so their hardiness is very different from those that naturally grow in the British Isles.

You can create a Mediterranean-style garden with a few bolders, coloured pebbles and some bags of coloured gravel, perhaps incorporating a bubble pebble pool, then placing a container close by with perhaps a coloured-leaved phormium or a palm such as trachycarpus fortunei.

If you are going to create a Mediterranean container garden, it is most important to use terracotta containers that are guaranteed frost proof. Always stand the container on 'pot feet' so that the drainage holes are not blocked. For the soil, I recommend multi-purpose compost with some loam-based John Innes compost added to it.

■ For more tips from Maurice, visit www.mk-news.co.uk.



tango time

AFTER proving a hit last year, Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace's Olivier-nominated show, Midnight Tango, is returning to Milton Keynes Theatre.

Midnight Tango is set in a late-night bar in downtown Buenos Aires and the show brings to life all the drama, sensuality and elegance of the tango.

In the show, the audience is taken on a journey into the heart of this intoxicating city, as danger and excitement, joy and jealousy, pain and passion combine into a spectacular and explosive evening.

Former world champions Vincent and Flavia are joined on stage by some of the finest tango dancers in the world, including Leonel Di Cocco, Richard Manuel, Jenny Nolan, Daniel Raphael, Pauline Reibell, Yaisuri Salamanca, Guillermo Torrens, Alexandra Wood, Leandro Palou and Romina Godoy, as well as actors Teddy Kempner and Tricia Deighton.

This is a spectacular, explosive evening not to be missed.

■ Midnight Tango is at Milton Keynes Theatre between Tuesday and July 14. Tickets, costing between £12.50 and £34.50, are available from 0844 871 7652, or www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes.

sciencefiction

MK Gallery's Friday Night Film this week is THX 1138, a 1971 science-fiction movie which was the first to be directed by George Lucas.

Lucas, of course, went on to put his name to Star Wars, so this debut was completely overshadowed. However, loyal fans were quick to take a look into the past and THX 1138 then began to develop a following of its own.

It's set in a creepy, dystopian future where sex is outlawed and mind-altering drugs are dished out to citizens.

Well worth a look to see what Lucas was up to before he set off for a galaxy far, far away.

Starts this Friday at 6.30pm, costing £5 or £3 for concessions. Pre-book on 01908 676900.

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GULLIVER'S Dinosaur and Farm Park is celebrating its fifth birthday this year and to help you join in the party fun we're offering seven families a free day out.

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Over in Farm Park, you'll discover friendly farm animals like horses, cows, ponies, sheep, pigs and more.

While in Cuddle Corner you can meet cute guinea pigs and snuggly rabbits.

Check out Bug City for creepy crawly chums like the Mexican red knee tarantula, a leopard gecko and an iguana.

Get digging in the Giant Vegetable Patch, then find out how to turn your findings into healthy snacks in the Cookery School. Plus, don't miss wacky attractions like Poo Pavilion and Fish Frenzy.

To find out more about the Dinosaur and Farm Park, visit www.gulliversfun.co.uk.

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Send your answer, name, address and daytime telephone number, to competitions@mk-news.co.uk, or MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU by July 11. The editor's decision is final.

freefestival

GECKO Festivals this weekend presents the second of four free events in Campbell Park.

The Spotlight Music and Comedy Festival is free and presents a gathering of some of the finest comedians from around the UK, compered by MK's own Chris Purchase.

There will also be music in abundance on both Saturday and Sunday. Each day starts on the main stage with bands and music from 1pm, then from 5.30-7.30pm the comedians take over.

For the full line-up visit www.mk-news.co.uk.



familyfun

KEEP the kids entertained with a Toy Story marathon.

On Sunday the Buzy in Central Milton Keynes is showing the Toy Story trilogy back-to-back. Enjoy the big screen, comfy sofas, bar and refreshments. Costs £3.

FAMILIES are invited to paint plant pots and fill them with bee-friendly plants.

Meet at Bradwell Windmill car park, Nightingale Crescent, at 10.30am on Saturday. Call 01296 330033.



joelycett

JOE Lycett, star of E4's Show and Tell, Eight out of Ten Cats and Sarah Millican's Celebrity Deal or No Deal, will be performing a one hour pre-view of his show 'Some Lycett Hot' on Sunday.

The stand-up comic, regarded as one of the brightest comedy

prospects, will be taking the show to the Edinburgh Festival so is in need of a good warm-up.

For tickets, costing £4, visit www.wegotickets.com/event/166280. Doors to the event, at The Cannon in Newport Pagnell, will open at 7pm.

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Sat 7
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Sun 8
ORIENTEERING
Park in car park off Marsh Drive, Great Linford. **Linford Manor Park 10am – 12pm £4/entry**

Sun 15
NATURE RESERVE OPEN DAY
This fantastic free family fun day will feature guided walks, bird watching and craft activities. Park in nature reserve car park, Queen Eleanor Street, Stony Stratford. **Stony Stratford Nature Reserve 11am – 3pm Free**

Sun 22
ROMANS' DAY
Park in the Roman Villa car park, Constantine Way, off H2 Millers Way. **Bancroft Park 11am – 3pm Free**

Thu 26
PUSHCHAIRS IN THE PARK
Park in Broughton Fields School car park, Milton Road. **Broughton 10am – 11:30am Free**

Thu 26
TWILIGHT WALK
Meet in the car park off Haversham Road, north of V6 Grafton Street, Old Wolverton. **Ouse Valley Park 6pm £1/person**

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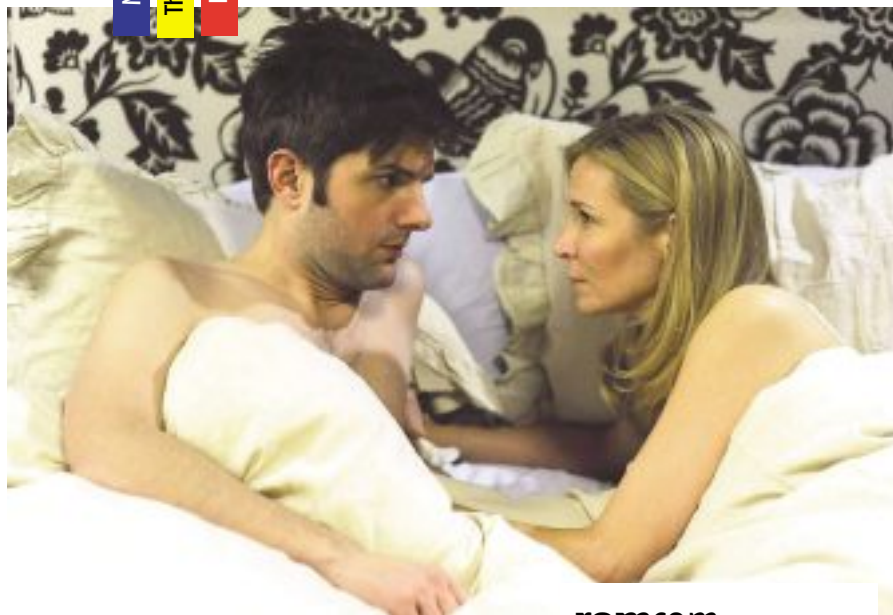
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romcom

FANS of a rom-com might want to head to the cinema this week to check out new release Friends With Kids.

Set in that time in one's life when all of your friends seem to be coupling up and having children, two pals decided to discard the traditional way of doing things and try another way of having a family.

Julie (Jennifer Westfeldt) and Jason (Adam Scott) – best friends since college – decide to have a baby with each other but still see other people.

Perhaps predictably this doesn't turn out to be the perfect plan as the couple learn they can't beat the system.

The film trundles along a well worn path but fans of the genre will probably find things to impress them.

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eveselis

AS WINNER of seven San Diego Music Awards in Americana and adult alternative, Eve Selis is no stranger to roots music.

Her newest CD Family Tree features 14 sturdy tracks drawn from the dark, rich soil of American music, and she brings these sounds to the Stables tomorrow at 8pm as part of her UK tour with her full band.

From the swamp-rock of Rubber and Glue to the plaintive country heartbreaker Don't You Feel Lonesome, to Leonard Cohen's majestic masterpiece Hallelujah, Selis and her band dig deep to create a towering opus of interconnected musical branches, all dripping with Selis's indelible 'honey chipotle' voice.

Tickets are £16.50 from 01908 280800.

johncarter

SOMETIMES a film comes along that you have to see, regardless if you think you will like it or not, because it's a part of cinema history.

John Carter, out to rent or buy on DVD this week, will certainly be remembered but sadly for all the wrong reasons.

Upon its release at the cinema the film performed poorly and is

now regarded as one of Disney's biggest mistakes of all time. But is it really that bad?

The film follows John, the all-action hero who stars in Edgar Rice Burroughs' Barsoom novels and there's plenty of science fiction craziness going on.

One to judge for yourself, maybe it won't be all that awful.



Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

carnivalcapers

THE Newport Pagnell Carnival and Classic Car Rally returns on Saturday and promises to be bigger and better than ever before.

The Nene Valley Chapter Bikers open the Car Rally through the town and then the parade returns, this year with more than 20 floats travelling from Blakelands to Riverside Meadow from 11.45am.

At Riverside Meadow there will be entertainment, including an incredible horse jousting battle, dancers, funfair, food, Punch and Judy and stalls

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artexhibition

THIS is your last chance to see a special exhibition by artist Cathy Read at Project Space 1 in Midsummer Place.

Entitled The Milton Keynes Project, and closing on Friday, Cathy's unique work displays energy and freedom, emphasising movement and expression with inspiration from personal experiences such as urban changes in her native Manchester.

Her mixed-media abstracts depict her view of landmarks around the city, such as The Point and Xscape.

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treasureisland

THIS weekend Stagedoor presents the family-friendly adventure Treasure Island at Stantonbury Campus Theatre.

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medievalsummer

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AN EVENING of music and culture is on offer at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone as it holds its 20th anniversary Gala Concert on Sunday night.

The Cornerstone Chamber Choir and Orchestra present a whole host of classical favourites, along with BBC Young Musician finalists Ben Westlake, pictured below, on the clarinet, Christian Grajner Desa on the violin and Chris Shrimpton on the harmonica. From 7.45pm.

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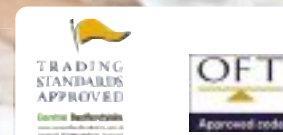
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Willen Park

With a fantastic location and a wealth of space, Parkview House offers a wonderful location and flexible family home. Approached by a gated driveway with generous off road parking.

£455,000

- Fantastic Location
- Six Bedroom Detached
- Four Reception Rooms
- Three En Suites
- Generous Off Road Parking
- No Upper Chain

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Caldecotte

Individually built five bedroom detached residence situated in a 'select' cul-de-sac in the highly desirable area of Caldecotte. With short walks to the lake and recently refurbished, this is a must see property.

£765,000

- Five bedrooms
- Three en suites
- Three reception rooms
- Cinema room
- Double garage
- Generous gardens

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Walton Park

Lakeside location with unspoilt views! This five double bedroom residence has stunning views over Caldecotte Lake. Boasts six reception rooms making the living accommodation very flexible.

£750,000

- Five Bedroom Detached
- Six Reception Rooms
- Study and Lounge
- Dining and Games Room/Gym
- Three En-suites and Bathroom
- Front and Rear Garden

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Loughton

Self build property located in one of Milton Keynes premier locations. Backing onto equestrian paddocks with approximately a 1/2 acre plot this is an attractive home with well stocked and maintained gardens.

OIEO £600,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- En Suite to Master
- Off Road Parking
- Double Garage

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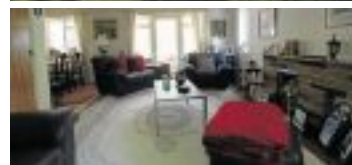
Willen

Situated on the popular residential area of Willen, this wonderful four bedroom detached family home boasts superbly maintained gardens and a double garage.

£450,000

- Detached Residence
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Ensuite To Master
- Double Garage
- Mature Gardens

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Aspley Heath

Situated on 'Church Road' in one of the counties premier location of Aspley Heath. This executive detached residence with four reception rooms is an ideal family home.

£675,000

- Sought after village location
- Four bedroom
- Executive detached
- Four reception rooms
- Private large rear garden
- Driveway and garage

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Bradwell Common

Deceptively spacious five bedroom detached family home with self contained two bedroom annex within walking distance to Milton Keynes train station.

£425,000

- Deceptively spacious
- Five Bedroom Detached
- Two Bedroom Annex
- Corner plot and cul-de-sac
- Private rear Garden
- Double Garage

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Road

With fantastic views across open parkland to the rear and a village location, this well presented four bedroom family home offers flexible, spacious accommodation and a wonderful village location.

£360,000

- Highly individual home
- Separate receptions
- TV room with balcony
- Four bedrooms
- En suite and dressing room
- Mature garden and garage

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Furzton £222,500

- Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Four Bedrooms
- Gardens
- Garage
- Off Road Parking

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Tattenhoe £177,500

- Three Bedroom House
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Garage



Two Mile Ash £60,000

- One Bedroom
- Terraced Home
- Open Plan Kitchen/Lounge
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garden

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Peartree Bridge £134,950

- Three Bed Property
- No Upper Chain
- Popular Location
- Kitchen/Diner
- Cloakroom
- Integral Garage

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Willen Park

- Coach House Style Property
- LED Lighting throughout
- Polished Granite flooring
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Allocated Parking
- Viewing Recommended

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£182,500

- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Gas central heating
- Near Grand Union Canal



Shenley Brook End £280,000

- Four Bed Detached
- Cloakroom & Utility
- Master Ensuite
- Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

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Broughton £159,995

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge/Dining Room/Kitchen
- Master Bedroom with Ensuite
- Off Road Parking
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Viewing Recommended

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Heelands £157,500

- Four bedroom
- Chalet style House
- Cul-de-sac location
- Cloakroom/Utility
- Double glazing
- Off road parking

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Kingsmead Guide Price £138,000

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Open Plan Living Area
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking
- Popular Area
- Viewing Recommended

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Eaglestone OIEO £129,995

- Two Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

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Eaglestone £165,000

- Three Bedroom
- Detached Home
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Cloakroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Garden

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Grange Farm £126,995

- Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking

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Willen Park £239,995

- Mid Terrace
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Ensuite
- Allocated parking

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Medbourne £67,500

- Shared ownership
- Two Bedroom
- Ground floor Apartment
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Allocated parking

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Oldbrook £239,995

- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Detached
- Cul De Sac Location
- En-suite to Master
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking and Garage

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Emerson Valley £335,000

- Much Improved
- Extended Detached
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing
- En Suite To Master
- Garage

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- Gardens
- Lounge
- Dining/Family Room
- Utility Room
- Driveway
- Garage



Shenley Brook End Guide Price £275,000

- Detached House
- Four Bedroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Ensuite
- Gardens
- Garage

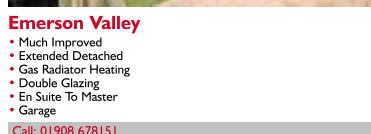
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Bradwell Common £109,995

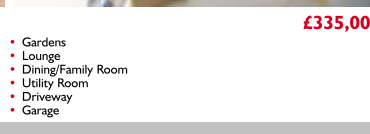
- First Floor Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Gas Central Heating

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Springfield £126,500

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Springfield £126,500

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Dining room
- Gardens
- Off Road parking
- In need of modernisation

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Walnut Tree £125,000

- One Bedroom
- End Of Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden

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Grange Farm £300,000

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Grange Farm £300,000

- Spacious detached residence
- Four bedrooms
- En suite to master
- Kitchen/dining room
- Lounge and study
- Garage and gardens



Two Mile Ash £99,995

- Maisonette
- One Bedroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double glazing

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Tattenhoe OIEO £220,000

- Three Bedroom
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- Cloakroom
- Driveway & Garage
- Front & rear Gardens

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Tattenhoe £204,995

- Three Bedroom
- End of Terrace
- Kitchen/Diner
- Ensuite to Master
- Front & rear Gardens
- Driveway & Garage

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Walnut Tree £137,000

- Two Bedroom
- Semi-detached
- Kitchen/Diner
- Off road parking
- Front & rear Gardens
- Double glazing

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**SALE AGREED
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REQUIRED**

Monkston Park Fixed Price £142,500

- Two double Bedroom
- Apartment
- Fitted Kitchen
- Ensuite to Master
- Family Bathroom
- Allocated parking

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Tattenhoe £395,000

- Four Bedroom
- Detached
- Four Reception rooms
- Re-fitted Cloakroom & Bathroom
- Re-fitted Ensuite to Master
- Double Garage

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Oakhill £235,000

- Three Bedroom
- Link-detached
- No upper chain
- Cloakroom
- Ensuite to Master
- Driveway & Garage

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Woburn Sands £420,000

- Five Bedrooms
- Popular location
- Kitchen/Breakfast & Utility
- Separate Reception rooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Driveway

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**SALE AGREED
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Browns Wood Offers Over £160,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Driveway
- Garage

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Kingsmead £325,000

- Four Bed Detached
- Separate Reception rooms
- Utility & CLoakroom
- Ensuite to Master
- No upper chain
- Double Garage

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Shenley Brook End Guide £335,000

- Four Bed Detached
- Highly sought after location
- Three Reception rooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast & Utility
- Detached double Garage
- No upper chain

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Browns Wood Guide £285,000

- Four Bedroom
- Detached
- Separate Reception rooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Breakfast room
- Ensuite to Master
- Private rear Garden

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**SALE AGREED
SIMILAR
REQUIRED**

Kents Hill Guide £185,000

- Three Bedroom
- Semi-detached
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Driveway & Garage
- Front & rear Gardens

Call: 01908 585552



**SALE AGREED
SIMILAR
REQUIRED**

Emerson Valley £240,000

- Four Bedroom
- Detached
- Separate Reception rooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Driveway
- Converted Garage

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Emerson Valley £249,995

- Three Bed Detached
- Cul-de-sac location
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Ensuite to Master
- Part converted Garage

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Milton Keynes Village Guide £265,000

- Extended
- Three double Bedroom
- Semi-detached
- Generous Gardens
- Separate Reception rooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom

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**SALE AGREED
SIMILAR
REQUIRED**

Middleton Fixed £350,000

- Four Bed Detached
- Generous rear Garden
- Three Reception rooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Detached double Garage
- Excellent School catchment

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- In need of modernisation
- Bathroom
- Vacant
- No chain

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Deanshanger

OIEO £215,000

- Three Bed Detached
- Fully fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Ensuite to Master
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Cosgrove

£275,000

- Detached Family Home
- 2% stamp duty paid
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- Three double Bedrooms
- Separate Reception
- Double glazing

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Castlethorpe

£345,000

- Three Bedroom
- Detached Victorian Property
- Originally an 1870's Coach House
- Field views to the front
- Spacious rear Garden
- Over-sized Single Garage

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Hartwell

Offers Over £230,000

- Extended & spacious
- Four Bed Detached
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Family room
- Garage
- Village location

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Greenleys

£229,995

- Four Bedroom
- Detached
- Separate Reception rooms
- Study
- Ensuite to Master
- Off road parking & Garage

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Wolverton

£150,000

- Two double Bedroom
- Detached
- No onward chain
- Separate Reception rooms
- Gas central heating
- Good local amenities

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Two Mile Ash

£299,995

- Exceptionally well presented
- Four Bed Detached
- Re-fitted Ensuite to Master
- Double length Garage
- Re-fitted Cloakroom & Bathroom
- Double glazing

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Deanshanger

Offers Over £175,000

- Spacious & extended
- Three Bed Semi-detached
- Separate Reception rooms
- Study/Utility room
- Off road parking
- No upper chain

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£155,000

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Wolverton

£165,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Off road parking
- Bathroom & Shower room
- Utility room
- Close to Train Station

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Castlethorpe

£160,000

- Semi Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Popular Village
- Kitchen/Diner
- Off road parking
- Gardens

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Deanshanger

OIEO £130,000

- Two Bedroom
- End of Terrace
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Off road parking
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden

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- Off Road Parking
- Two Storey Planning Permission

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Olney **£300,000**

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
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- Off Road Parking

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Olney **£575,000**

- Four/Five Bedrooms Detached
- Three Reception Rooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Double Car Port
- Approximately Half An Acre

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Giffard Park

We are acting for the mortgagees and have received an offer of £245,000 on the above property.

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Sherington **£250,000**

- Chapel Conversion
- Three Bedroom Terrace
- Lounge/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

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Harrold **£370,000**

- Four Bedrooms
- Character Cottage
- Village Location
- Character Features
- Master En-suite
- Brick Built Barn

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Irchester **£145,000**

- Three Bedroom
- Semi-Detached
- Private Rear Garden
- Popular Village location
- 10 years Build Zone warranty
- UPVC Double Glazing

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Newport Pagnell **£185,000**

- Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage
- Front & Rear Garden
- Cloakroom
- Double Glazing

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Lavendon **O.I.E.O £110,000**

- One Bedroom
- Three DOUBLE Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Country Views

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Bozeat **O.I.E.O £220,000**

- Link Detached Family Home
- Three DOUBLE Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Utility & Cloakroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Driveway & Garage

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Newport Pagnell **£215,000**

- No Upper Chain
- Tandem Garage
- Separate Reception
- Off Street Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Non Estate Location

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Newport Pagnell **£230,000**

- Extended
- No Upper Chain
- Private Rear Garden
- Conservatory
- Cloakroom
- Utility

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Yardley Hastings **£545,000**

- Four Bedroom Property
- Village Location
- Character Property
- Three Brick Built Store Barns
- No Upper Chain
- Viewing is Essential

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Wollaston **£550,000**

- Four Bed Detached
- Village Location
- Stunning Views
- Two En-suites
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South Milton Keynes £139,995

- New build
- Two Bedroom
- Ground floor Apartment
- Ensuite to Master
- Secure underground parking
- Gas central heating

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Bletchley Offers Over £350,000

- Four Bed Detached
- Separate Reception rooms
- Utility room
- Ensuite to Master
- Two Conservatories
- In our opinion a large plot

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Bletchley Guide £180,000

- Three Bedroom
- Annexe
- Two Reception rooms
- Cloakroom
- Double glazing
- No upper chain

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Bletchley Guide £228,000

- Four Bed Detached
- Separate Reception rooms
- Double glazing
- Detached Garage
- Off road parking & Gardens
- Close to Bletchley Station

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Bletchley Park £206,500

- Four Bedrooms
- Double glazing
- Ensuite to Master
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Off road parking
- No chain

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Tattenhoe £225,000

- Sought after location
- Three Bed Detached
- Set back from the road
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Double glazing
- Garage & Driveway

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Bletchley £325,000

- Five Bed Detached
- No upper chain
- Separate Reception rooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Driveway & Garage

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Bletchley £149,995

- Three Bedroom
- Character property
- Double glazing
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Separate Reception rooms
- Generous rear Garden

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- No upper chain
- Three Bedroom
- Detached
- Three Reception rooms
- Garage
- Front & rear Gardens

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'Counties' and
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areas.**



Racecourses Estate £180,000

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- Semi-detached
- Double glazing
- Garage
- Off road parking
- Front & rear Gardens

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Bletchley Offers Over £90,000

- Two Bedroom
- Bungalow
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Front & rear Garden

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Bletchley Guide £115,000

- Two Bedroom
- End of Terrace Bungalow
- No upper chain
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Front & rear Gardens
- Driveway & Garage

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- 2 Double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
- 18ft lounge and separate kitchen
- Spacious and modern new build
- Carpets, Fridge/Freezer and washing machine
- Allocated parking space
- Short walk to Willen Lake

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DONT MISS OUT!! £265,000

- Traditionally built 3 bedroom new home
- High specification through out the property
- Fully integrated kitchen and utility room
- Good sized garden and private parking
- Situated on the edge of Stony Stratford
- THIS UNIQUE PROPERTY MUST BE VIEWED!

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CLOSE TO STATION £174,950

- Stunning 2 bedroom new home
- Stylish fitted kitchen and laundry room
- Lounge/diner with patio doors leading to garden
- 2 spacious bedrooms, modern fitted bathroom
- Situated walking distance of mainline trains
- MUST BE VIEWED!!

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LAST ONE REMAINING! £275,000

- 4 bedroom detached new home
- Open plan kitchen/diner layout
- Separate lounge with bay window to front
- Top of the house is devoted to the master suite
- Double parking driveway leads to garage
- Excellent access to Kingston centre and M1

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VILLAGE NEW HOME £176,950

- 3 Bedroom cottage style home
- Spacious open plan living/dining room
- South facing garden
- Double parking to the front
- Village offers a range of amenities and good connections to
- Olney, MK, Bedford, Northampton and Wellingborough

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READY NOW! FLOORING FITTED! £192,500

- 2 Bedroom semi detached new home
- Kitchen/dining with quality fitted appliances
- Spacious living and doors onto garden
- Allocated parking
- Situated in adjoining popular Walton Park and Walnut Tree
- Leads onto Caldecotte lake with great M1 access

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SHOW HOME FOR SALE £315,000

- Versatile 3 bedroom detached new home
- High specification throughout property
- Includes light fittings, curtains, carpets and other extras
- Master bedroom with en-suite and fitted wardrobes
- Driveway leading to garage
- Situated in popular Tattenhoe

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IMPRESSIVE SIZED ROOMS £340,000

- Brand new 4 bedroom detached home
- 1800 Sq ft of accommodation and south facing garden
- Open plan quality kitchen with integrated appliances
- Undercroft double parking
- Close to Kingston Centre, Simpson village, and Caldecotte lake
- Great access to the M1

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SPACIOUS 2 BED APARTMENT £151,500

- 2 Double bedroom new apartment
- Open plan kitchen/living area
- En-suite to master bedroom
- Situated on the east of MK
- Good links to the M1 Kingston centre
- VIEWABLE NOW! MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!

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READY NOW!! £515,000

- 5 Bedroom spacious detached new home
- 19ft Kitchen with double doors to garden
- Open plan snug area and separate lounge
- En-suites to 2 bedrooms
- Double garage
- Situated in the countryside near Salcey forest

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FLEXIBLE LIVING £285,000

- Five bedroom semi detached new home
- Downstairs could be used as a granny flat
- Study and en-suite to master bedroom
- Garage with parking
- Ideally located in East Milton Keynes
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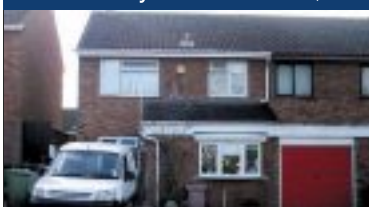
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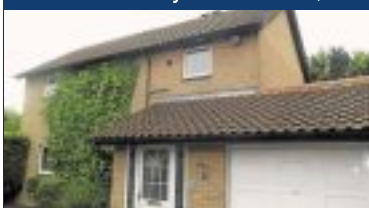
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Interview Date: Thursday 19th July 2012.



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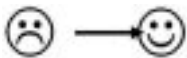
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Location: Olney Campus

Work will involve supporting students aged from 11 to 16 in classes in a variety of subjects at the direction of the class teacher.

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Exemptions from the Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

A copy of the Order together with map showing the area referred to and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Westcroft Library, 17-19 Barnsdale Drive, Westcroft, Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

4 July 2012

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73 WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

12/01206/FUL Removal of an existing timber window and wall beneath to create a new opening and installation of a set of external timber framed double doors at Emberton School, Olney Road, Emberton.

12/01300/TC A Notification of intention to reduce and reshape one Silver Birch tree (T1) by 1/3rd and prune branches overhanging neighbouring property; prune one Silver Birch tree (T2) from roof of barn by 1m; reduce and reshape the crown of one Mountain Ash (T3) by 15-20%, thin by 10%, and prune branches back to fence line; prune branches of one Cherry tree (T4) back to fence line at The Rising Sun, 131 High Street, Stony Stratford.

SECTION 67 & 73 LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

12/01118/FUL Full repair and restoration of the Grade II listed barn and extensions to form a 4 bedroom dwelling (resubmission of 11/00017/FUL) at The Barn, Thirlby Lane, Shenley Church End.

12/01119/LBC Listed building consent for full repair and restoration of the Grade II listed barn for conversion into a 4 bedroom family home (resubmission of 11/011118/LBC) at The Barn, Thirlby Lane, Shenley Church End.

12/01200/FUL Consent for conversion of bakery, coffee shop and ancillary offices to 3 residential dwellings (use class C3) and 1 retail unit (use class A1/A2) at 41-43 Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell.

12/01201/LBC Listed building consent for conversion of bakery, coffee shop and ancillary offices to 3 residential dwellings (use class C3) and 1 retail unit (use class A1/A2) at 41-43 Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell.

12/01246/ADV Advertisement consent for one hanging sign and 8 other signs at The Old Green Man, Watling Street, Little Brickhill.

12/01248/LBC Listed building consent for replacement signage at The Old Green Man, Watling Street, Little Brickhill.

SECTION 67 AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING

12/00523/FUL Installation of new shop front (part retrospective) at 759 To 763 Midsummer Boulevard, 160-166 Midsummer Arcade, Central Milton Keynes.

Nick Fenwick, Assistant Director Planning, Economy and Development

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS AND PARTS OF ROADS, PART OF REDWAY/NATIONAL CYCLE ROUTE 51, PART OF BRIDLEWAY NUMBER 32 IN THE VICINITY OF THE BOWL, LOUGHTON AND KNOWHILL AND LAY-BY BETWEEN MARKERS 74/9 AND 74/8 ON A5 NORTHBOUND AT ELFIELD PARK) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, with the consent of the Highways Agency, intends not later than seven days from the date of this notice make an Order under Section 14(1) (b) and 14 (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, because of the likelihood of danger to the public and in the interests of safety and as a means of segregating traffic from pedestrians during the musical event namely the Swedish House Mafia Concert being staged at The Bowl, Milton Keynes (hereinafter referred to as 'The Bowl'). It is anticipated that the following restrictions will be in effect on the dates and at the times shown below and when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, between Wednesday 11th July 2012 and Tuesday 17th July 2012, these dates inclusive.

Schedule of Restrictions;

Unless otherwise stated in this notice, the following restrictions will be in operation from 6.00am on Saturday 14th July 2012 until 6.00am on Sunday 15th July 2012. The effect of the Order will be to impose the restrictions stated below.

Chesney Wold and Summerson Road, Bleak Hall will operate as a one way street. There will be no entry for vehicles into Chesney Wold from V6 Grafton Street, (the northern end), and traffic will only be permitted to travel south-westerly in Summerson Road from its junction with V6 Grafton Street and north westerly in Chesney Wold to rejoin Grafton Street at the northern end.

Temporarily prohibit all vehicles from:

1. Proceeding in:

- Summerson Road, Bleak Hall other than in a south-westerly direction;
- Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall, from its junction with Summerson Road, other than in a north-westerly direction and then towards its junction with Grafton Street (V6) in a north-easterly direction;

Waiting or parking in:

- Summerson Road, Bleak Hall on the south-east side;
- Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall on the south-west side with exemptions for;
 - 1) buses being used in connection with the event which will wait on the temporary Hackney Carriage stand situated on the south-west side of Chesney Wold north-west of its junction with Pear Tree Lane and;
 - 2) Hackney Carriages to wait upon the temporary Hackney Carriage stand relocated along the south-west side of Chesney Wold from its junction with Pear Tree Lane in a south westerly direction to its junction with Summerson Road.
- Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall on the north-east side within 200 metres either side of its junction with Pear Tree Lane or within 200 metres of the entrance to the Civic Amenity site

There will be exemptions for emergency and military services vehicles, authorized event vehicles, vehicles authorized by Milton Keynes Council and for access to and egress from premises in those roads. Hackney carriages will only be permitted to wait on the south-western side of Chesney Wold between the junctions of Summerson Road and Pear Tree Lane. Buses will only be permitted to wait on the south-western side of Chesney Wold running from its junction with Pear Tree Lane in a generally north-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 400 metres.

HACKNEY CARRIAGES

For the duration of the Order whilst the restrictions are in force, the hackney carriage stand in that part of Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall which is situated north-west of its junction with Pear Tree Lane will be temporarily suspended from use by hackney carriages and will be used solely by event buses which will be permitted to stop along the south-western side of the road only. The hackney carriage stand will be temporarily relocated to that part of Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall situated north of Pear Tree Lane south-westerly to its junction with Summerson Road, and hackney carriages will be permitted to stop on the south-western side of the road only.

Turning:

- right into (V4) Watling Street, from Faraday Drive, Shenley Lodge;
- turning into Faraday Drive, Shenley Lodge from Watling Street (V4);
- turning into V4 Watling Street from Fawell Drive, Furzton;
- turning into Fawell Drive, Furzton from V4 Watling Street;
- left into Wimblington Drive from Standing Way (A421/H8), Redmoor;
- left into Standing Way (A421/H8) from Wimblington Drive, Redmoor;

With exemptions for emergency services vehicles, military service vehicles and buses.

- left into Summerson Road from Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall, with exemptions for emergency services vehicles, military service vehicles, buses, licensed taxis and to gain access to and egress from premises in those roads;
- right into Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall from Grafton Street (V6);
- right into Chaffron Way from Davy Avenue, Knowhill;
- left into Childs Way (H6) from Ashpole Furlong, Loughton;
- right from Childs Way (H6) into Ashpole Furlong, Loughton;
- left into Snowdon Drive, Winterhill from H6 Childs Way;
- left into Childs Way (H6) from Snowdon Drive, Winterhill.

With exemptions for emergency services vehicles, military service vehicles, licensed hackney taxis, buses and to gain access to premises in those roads.

Waiting or parking in:

- London Road, Thorwood Place and Hillcrest Close, Loughton other than for loading/unloading and for setting down and picking up passengers;
- Watling Street (V4), from Standing Way (H8) to Portway (H5) other than for loading/unloading and for setting down and picking up passengers;
- Davy Avenue, Knowhill;
- Roebuck Way, Knowhill;
- Kelvin Drive, Knowhill;
- Garforth Place, Knowhill;
- Radian Court, Knowhill;
- Harrison Close, Knowhill;
- Seebeck Place, Knowhill;
- Whittle Court, Knowhill;
- Standing Way (H8), from Grafton Street (V6) to Fulmer Street (V3);
- Shirwell Crescent, Furzton;
- Bilbrook Lane, Furzton;
- Fawell Drive, Furzton from its junction with (V4) Watling Street to its junction with Parkside, Furzton;
- Braybrooke Drive, Furzton;
- Barley Croft, Furzton;
- Oakridge, Furzton;
- Elmhurst Close, Furzton;
- Grass Croft, Furzton;
- Holme Ward, Furzton;
- Parkside, Furzton;
- Parkcroft, Furzton;
- Blackmoor Gate, Furzton from its junction with Parkside to its junction with Dulverton Drive, Redmoor;
- Loxbeare Drive, Furzton;
- Snowdon Drive, Winterhill with the exception of private hire vehicles, which will have limited waiting of up to 30 minutes between the junction of Cairngorm Gate and Grampian Gate;
- Grampian Gate, Winterhill;
- Cairngorm Gate, Winterhill;
- Chapter, Coffee Hall;
- Phoenix Drive, Leadenhall, between Moorgate and Grafton Street (V6);
- Childs Way (H6), from Grafton Street (V6) to Fulmer Street (V3);
- Chaffron Way (H7), from Fulmer Street (V3) to Grafton Street (V6);
- Summerson Road, Bleak Hall on the south side;
- Wimblington Drive, Redmoor from Standing Way (H8) to Dunsby Road, Redmoor;
- Dunsby Road, Redmoor;
- Merton Road, Redmoor;
- Rutherford Gate, Shenley Lodge;
- Jules Court, Shenley Lodge;
- Haulsbee Gardens, Shenley Lodge;
- Faraday Drive, Shenley Lodge from its junction with V4 Watling Street to its junction with Edson Square;

- Leadenhall Roundabout, including both carriageways and verges on the V6 Grafton Street, for a distance of approximately 300 metres either side of roundabout and both carriageways and verges on Chaffron Way (H7) for a distance of approximately 300 metres either side of Leadenhall Roundabout;
- South Grafton Roundabout, including both carriageways and verges on the V6 Grafton Street for a distance of approximately 300 metres either side of the roundabout and both carriageways and verges on Childs Way (H6) for a distance of approximately 300 metres either side of South Grafton Roundabout;
- Fulmer Street (V3), including verges from Childs Way (H6) to Standing Way (H8).

With exemptions for emergency services vehicles, military service vehicles and buses.

2. To impose temporary 30 mph speed limit restrictions along the following length of road:

- H7 Chaffron Way between its junctions with V3 Fulmer Street and V6 Grafton Street and
- V4 Watling Street between its junctions with H6 Childs Way and H8 Standing Way.

3. Temporarily prohibit all access along Bridleway 32 Loughton, from 6.00am on Saturday 14th July 2012 until 4.00am on Sunday 15th July 2012 from a point where it meets the bridge over Watling Street (V4) to a point approximately 300 metres north-west from the underpass near Chaffron Way (H7) to where the bridleway crosses National Cycle Route 51 with exemptions for emergency services vehicles and police horses.

4. Temporarily prohibit all vehicles from entering, waiting and proceeding in the following roads from 6.00am on Saturday 14th July 2012 until 4.00am on Sunday 15th July 2012;

- Watling Street (V4) from its junction with Childs Way (H6) at Knowhill Roundabout to its junction with Standing Way (A421/H8) at Elfield Park Roundabout with exemptions for emergency services vehicles, military service vehicles, buses, licensed hackney carriages, authorised event vehicles and vehicles authorised by Milton Keynes Council and to gain access to and egress from the premises known as, The Grill Mediterranean Buffet Restaurant and Kebab 46, Roni's Car Wash and the Furzton Lake Hotel, Shirwell Crescent and premises in Knowhill, and the Bowl and surrounding car parks. The alternative route will be via Standing Way (A421/H8) to Emerson Roundabout, Fulmer Street (V3) to Shenley Roundabout and Childs Way (H6).
- Davy Avenue, Knowhill from its junction with H7 Chaffron Way to its junction with Kelvin Drive, Knowhill with exemptions for emergency and military service vehicles and to gain access to premises in that length of Davy Avenue and to premises in Harrison Close, Knowhill.
- Chaffron Way (H7) from its junction with (V3) Fulmer Street to its junction with (V6) Grafton Street will be closed to all through traffic with exemptions for emergency and military services vehicles, vehicles authorised by Milton Keynes Council and vehicles travelling to The Bowl and surrounding car parks.
- Pear Tree Lane from its junction with Chesney Wold and continuing for a distance of approximately 320 metres in a south-westerly direction with exemptions for emergency services vehicles, military service vehicles and authorised event vehicles.
- Lay-BY between marker posts 74/9 to 74/8 on the A5 Northbound carriageway at Elfield Park with exemptions for Highways Agency Vehicles, emergency and military service vehicles.

5. Temporarily prohibit all vehicle movements at the following junctions from 6.00am on Saturday 14th July 2012 until 4.00am on Sunday 15th July 2012;

- H6 Childs Way and Livey Hill, Shenley Lodge;
- V3 Fulmer Street and Faraday Drive, Shenley Lodge;
- H7 Chaffron Way and Redwood Gate, Shenley Lodge;
- H7 Chaffron Way and Rutherford Gate, Shenley Lodge;
- V4 Watling Street and Faraday Drive, Shenley Lodge;
- H7 Chaffron Way and Loxbeare Drive, Furzton;
- H7 Chaffron Way and Shirwell Crescent, Furzton;
- V3 Fulmer Street and Dulverton Drive, Furzton;
- V3 Fulmer Street and Blackmoor Gate, Furzton;
- H8 Standing Way and Exmoor Gate, Furzton;
- H8 Standing Way and Parkside, Furzton;
- V4 Watling Street and Fawell Drive, Furzton.

With exemptions for emergency service vehicles, military service vehicles and to gain access to residential properties and local shops. The junctions will be marshalled during the closure and drivers will be requested to confirm which road they require access to.

6. Temporarily prohibit all vehicles from entering and proceeding in the following roads from 10.00pm on Saturday 14th July 2012 until 02.00am on Sunday 15th July 2012;

- Chaffron Way (H7) from its junction with Grafton Street (V6) at Leadenhall Roundabout to its junction with V3 Fulmer Street at Furzton Roundabout. The alternative route will be via Grafton Street (V6) to Bleak Hall Roundabout, Standing Way (H8) to Emerson Roundabout and Fulmer Street (V3) and vice versa.
- Watling Street (V4) from its junction with Childs Way (H6) at Knowhill Roundabout to its junction with Standing Way (A421/H8) at Elfield Park Roundabout with exemptions for emergency services vehicles and to egress from the Bowl and surrounding car parks. The alternative route will be via Standing Way (A421/H8) to Emerson Roundabout, Fulmer Street (V3) to Shenley Roundabout and Childs Way (H6).
- Childs Way (H6) south-westbound carriageway only from its junction with V6 Grafton Street at South Grafton Roundabout to its junction with V4 Watling Street at Knowhill Roundabout. The alternative route will be via V6 Grafton Street to North Grafton Roundabout, the H5 Portway to Loughton Roundabout and V4 Watling Street to Knowhill Roundabout and vice versa.

With exemptions for emergency services vehicles, military service vehicles and egress for Bowl traffic.

7. Temporarily prohibit all access from 6.00pm on Wednesday 11th July 2012 until 2.00pm on Tuesday 17th July 2012 along part of the redway/National Cycle Route 51, The Bowl, Milton Keynes, from a point approximately 60 metres north-west of the underpass beneath H7 Chaffron Way to its junction with V4 Watling Street, except for access to and egress from The Bowl, emergency services and for police horses. The alternative route will be via the redway which runs parallel with Davy Avenue and Kelvin Drive, Knowhill to rejoin the redway beside the V4 Watling Street and vice versa.

Police officers will be in attendance at all of the above restriction points until the event finishes. They may vary, extend or alter the times of operation of the above restrictions should any unforeseen circumstances arise which might compromise the safety of the public.

The proposed Order will come into operation at 6.00pm on Wednesday 11th July 2012 and the restrictions will be in force on the dates and at the times shown above and when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

Any person committing a breach of any movement restrictions of the Order shall be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Any person committing a breach of any waiting restrictions of the Order shall be liable upon issue of such penalty charge as prescribed by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

4 July 2012

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES

(OLD GROVEWAY (PART), SIMPSON)

(PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 3rd July 2012, made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects in part of Old Groveway, Simpson:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along that part of Old Groveway, near to Simpson Combined School;
- The introduction of 'No Loading/Unloading' restrictions, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm, along that part of Old Groveway, near to Simpson Combined School.

This Order will take effect from the 5th July 2012.

Exemptions from the Order include: emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the Order as made together with maps showing the areas referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Please quote reference WL-P&E-005370-1952.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

4 July 2012

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES

(VARIOUS ROADS, EAGLESTONE)

(PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 3rd July 2012, made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects in parts of roads within Eaglestone:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along those parts of Harrier Drive and Harrier Court, near to Falconhurst Combined School;
- The introduction of 'No Loading/Unloading' restrictions, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm, along those parts of Harrier Drive and Harrier Court, near to Falconhurst Combined School.

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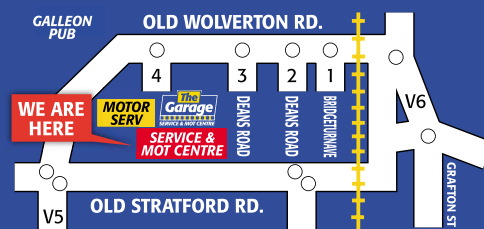
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Lee Taylor was run out for 47 in reply but Bletchley's innings was cut short on 117/3, and just like against Horspath last week, they were denied the chance to push on for victory.

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Asif Iqbal was the hero for MK, finishing unbeaten on 59 to see his side home after a top order failure.

Olney Town (152/7) picked up a valuable five run win over second place North Crawley (147 all out) thanks to Stuart Keeping who tore through the bottom order on his way to 5/26.

There was a six wicket victory for New City MK (119/4) over Milton Keynes CC (118 all out) and Newport Pagnell (218 all out) hammered Eggington Foresters (54 all out) by 164 runs after Paul Braddy's 82. New Bradwell (171 all out) lost to Elstow (172/6) by four wickets.

SWIMMING

YOUNG swimmers from the City of Milton Keynes club continued to perform well against clubs from around the region when they competed at the Barnet Summer Sprints meet.

Jason Ashley had a packed schedule and produced an outstanding performance to achieve gold medals in all of the eight events he swam in.

There were also gold medals for Marcus McAuliffe, Miles McAuliffe, Max Murphy, Helen Odams, and Sydney Wood, and silvers for Yasmin Dos Santos, Marcus McAuliffe, Miles McAuliffe, Max Murphy, Helen Odams, Michael Pentland, and Sydney Wood.

TRIATHLON

THE annual National Triathlon Championships have been scheduled for Sunday, August 19 at Emberton Country Park, and spots are still available to enter.

This year's English champion will be crowned after a 1,500m open water swim, a 40km bike ride and a 10km run. Visit www.triathlonengland.org for more information.

RUGBY LEAGUE

FLEDGLING club MK Wolves are in desperate need of players – after three games were cancelled.

The new team for the city was formed this season but matches against North Herts Crusaders, St. Ives Roosters and Bury Titans have been postponed due to a lack of numbers.

Training is at Emerson Valley Sports Pavilion on Wednesdays at 7pm, with an Eastern League match against Kings Lynn Black Knights scheduled for Saturday.

The club, who are desperate to complete their first season, hope to hold junior matches and to set up a rugby league development association to further promote the sport in the city.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

THE Milton Keynes and Border Counties Youth Football League is celebrating after earning two major awards.

MK's oldest and biggest youth league has been awarded the Berks and Bucks FA Charter Standard League of the Year title as part of this year's McDonalds Community Awards.

It was also nominated in the FA's Respect Award and received bronze status with a commendation from the FA.

ATHLETICS

Clarke misses out on Olympic place

CHRIS Clarke has missed out on a spot at London 2012 after a sixth place finish in the 200m at the European Championships in Helsinki.

The city runner, *pictured*, was attempting to earn a place over the shorter distance after also missing out over his preferred 400m at the British Olympic Trials, but he needed to run the required qualifying time on two occasions which he failed to do.

As such he missed out on a place in the British team when the squad announcement was made yesterday.

However, fellow city athletes Greg Rutherford and Mervyn Luckwell were picked to compete as expected.

The long jumper and javelin thrower had already met the qualifying requirements to all but assure their place in London.

Rutherford goes into the games as the city's best hope for a medal after some impressive performances this year, including a leap of 8.35m which equalled the British record and is the longest recorded in the world this year.

Clarke had failed to make the final of the British trials in the 400m, but he did bounce back to take bronze in the 200m ahead of the Europeans.

In Helsinki, he qualified for the semi-final in a time of 20.83s, enough for second place in his heat.

He qualified for the final with a slightly slower time of 20.90s, again in second place, before he eventually came sixth overall in 21.26s.

After the championships Clarke said: "I was happy to make the final and I enjoyed the past few races.

"I was a bit slow as I felt it in my legs and couldn't turn them over during the last 100m.

"I would have liked to have run quicker and finished higher but I can't complain.

"Two weeks ago I was still training for 400m and I thought it was going to be a 400m season so I'm happy with what I've done here."

Clarke now plans to rest, before returning to his more favoured distance after the Olympics.

"I'll wait for the Olympics to end and then return to 400m," he said.

"It's still my favourite event, so I'll give my body two or three weeks to recover and then continue the season."



ICE HOCKEY

Dan's the man for Lightning defence

LIGHTNING have bolstered their back line further with the capture of ambitious young defender Dan Harris.

Nick Poole has moved to bring the 23-year-old to the city from English Premier League rivals Basingstoke Bison, and he signs on for the 2012/13 campaign.

Harris said that playing against Lightning for Basingstoke last season was a key factor in convincing him to switch allegiances.

The city skaters beat their Hampshire rivals in the first four meetings between the two sides last year.

Harris said: "Whenever we faced them last season their fans were amazing and you could see that the team was well set-up and very strong defensively.

"It's a massive club, and when I heard they were interested in me and what they're planning for the coming season, I knew I wanted to be a part of it.

"I'm looking forward to working hard but I know I'll learn a lot and become a better player."

Originally from North Tyneside, Harris moved through the youth system in Whitley Bay.

He spent three seasons with the Whitley Warriors, the final one an extremely successful campaign where the team lost only two matches.

During his time in the north-east Harris also gained valuable experience playing at the top level

of ice hockey in this country, as he made four appearances for Elite League outfit Newcastle Vipers.

Player coach Poole is now putting the finishing touches to his squad as he looks to bounce back from last season – when Lightning missed out on every piece of silverware that was up for grabs.

The Canadian born player has not been afraid to make changes, while keeping some of his key men on board, and he is clearly delighted with his latest acquisition.

Harris joins Ross Green, Lewis Christie and Michael Farn who have also recently confirmed that they will remain.

Poole said: "When we began looking for a player to fill the position we had, we wanted to find a young, hungry player who competed every night.

"We believe that in Dan we have found that very player.

"He's a very good team player and takes pride in the defensive zone.

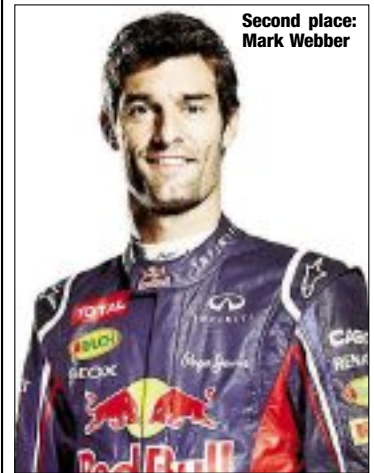
"He is committed and looks to block shots and make the easy plays.

"We have a great defensive unit and I feel Dan will fit very well into our team and make us stronger."

The new ice hockey season is due to start in September.

FORMULA ONE

Red Bull head to Silverstone



Second place:
Mark Webber

BOTH Sebastian Vettel and Mark Webber will be looking for their second race wins of the season on Sunday as the Formula One season stops off at Silverstone.

The Red Bull drivers know that the British Grand Prix crowd will likely be cheering for national favourites such as Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button, but with the team based in the city there is always the sense that the race at the Northamptonshire track is a 'home' one.

Australian Webber said: "There's some irony in the fact that Silverstone is actually the local track for both the Aussie F1 drivers on the grid, Daniel Ricciardo and I are both based in Buckinghamshire.

"I'm sure the British Grand Prix won't disappoint, we're going to Silverstone with one goal in mind and that's to win."

Webber is second in the drivers' standings, 20 points behind leader Fernando Alonso. Defending world champion Vettel is fourth.

The German said: "Even after the track was amended for the 2011 race, it didn't lose its magic. For me as a driver it is one of the best and interesting tracks of all.

"The track is demanding for a driver and provides everything a driver likes, including the unpredictable weather which is possible in July in Silverstone."

Red Bull lead the constructors' championship by 39 points.

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Step down and join Dons

BY DAN PALMER

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PETE Winkelman is targeting new players who will be willing to take a 'step back' to play for Dons.

The club's chairman is determined that there will be no passengers in manager Karl Robinson's squad next season as efforts to finally make it to the Championship get under way again.

To this end Dons are eyeing new arrivals who are already good enough to be playing regularly at the higher level, and would therefore have to put their careers on hold to drop into League One at stadiummk.

Mr Winkelman has admitted that it will be tricky to do deals for such players, but he believes the task is not impossible, citing the example of a former Dons hero.

"Those players are difficult to find but it is possible," the chairman told MK SPORT.

"Keith Andrews took the step down from Hull to join us in League Two and he played at Euro 2012 for the Republic of Ireland this summer.

"We need players of Championship quality.

"Someone could decide to play in the Championship, or take a step back to take two steps forward, and play in the limelight we can give them.

"We can give a player a platform and they could end up playing even higher.

"Those are the gambles, you need the right players to make that judgement with you."

It is hoped that the impressive facilities the club boasts at stadiummk may be a key factor in luring new faces who are of the required calibre.

But the ambitious recruitment policy means that fans should not expect a 'furry of activity' even

though the transfer window is now back open for the summer.

"We don't want any squad players," Mr Winkelman said.

"We need a player who can compete for a first team place, put pressure on other players and excite other players.

"Do not expect a player a week, but when we do sign someone, expect that new player to be significant."

Mr Winkelman is aware that the type of players he is talking about will force him to get out his cheque book, and as a result he has pledged to give Robinson a bigger budget.

He believes that the time is right to pump in more cash after three play-off failures in four years – pointing to 'signals' such as the club's success in hanging on to key players such as Stephen Gleeson and Darren Potter, and the increase in season ticket sales.

Automatic promotion is very much the target although he has assured fans that the club will still be run in a sustainable fashion, while maintaining the ambitions on the pitch.

"We've got a situation at the moment where we've got the best squad we've probably ever had, and we've certainly got the most exciting and dynamic young manager that we could possibly have," he said.

"While we've got all those pieces in place we need to try the very hardest we can to have that success, and Karl has made it very clear that he needed a little bit more budget to really compete at the highest level.

"I've been really pleased to give him that support, because I know that he won't waste it. He will use it very wisely.

"We'll see over the next 12 months whether that little bit of extra resource can make all the difference."

Looking for quality:
Pete Winkelman



Olympics football offer for stadium

OLYMPIC sport could have been held in Milton Keynes this summer, MK SPORT can reveal.

This newspaper understands that London 2012 organisers proposed that two football matches be held at stadiummk.

However, due to ongoing building work during the upcoming weeks and months at the home of the Dons, the offer had to be turned down.

It was a decision which caused disappointment behind the scenes but was thought to be unavoidable.

Just being offered the chance is something that has given the club great pride – and international matches are very much in the plans for the future.

The Olympic football tournament is being held across the country, at grounds including Wembley, Old Trafford, Glasgow's Hampden Park and the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff.

Venues have been pencilled in since the bidding process but in 2009 Birmingham's Villa Park was withdrawn due to planned building work and replaced with a nearby venue, the Ricoh Arena in Coventry. Olympic bosses have remained tight-lipped about the offer to the city.

Meanwhile, a deal to sell the naming rights for the stadium looks to be a long way off – as the recession has made it difficult for an agreement to be struck.

Dons chairman Pete Winkelman is exploring the possibility of giving a company the chance to name the club's ground, which would bring in a valuable new revenue stream.

However, the chairman has found it difficult to find interested and appropriate parties in the current financial climate.

He said: "I think it would be absolutely fantastic but I don't think the market is there at the moment.

"I think the recession makes it very difficult for a big institution, and it would need to be a big institution, to want to be seen to be spending money on advertising itself.

"It might want to be spending on giving employees wage rises or not making lay offs. I'm not hopeful in the short term but we're doing pretty well with stadiummk at the moment."

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